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FBI and OPA visit CCC

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Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Office of the Public Auditor paid a visit to the Commonwealth Casino Commission yesterday afternoon, the first since last Thursday's flurry of search warrants executed on Saipan.

» **No search warrants executed on CCC**
» **DPS was also in the dark**

"...We had been approached by members of the OPA and the FBI, and we had a little meeting. I cannot dis-

CCC executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero later said he could not disclose what was discussed during their closed-door meeting.

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'Torres still here'

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is still on island, but had to skip some appearances due to family emergencies, according to chief of staff Angel Demapan.

Torres, according to Demapan, is still around, belying rumors that he is off-island and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios is acting governor.

The governor was supposed to attend the graduation ceremony for the Customs Division 8th Cycle at
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CIRCUS! CIRCUS!

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Inmate found dead

An inmate of the Department of Corrections prison in Susupe died yesterday, but there has been no word yet from the police on what caused the death and how the individual died.

The unnamed inmate was declared dead at the Commonwealth Health Center at 1:32pm by Dr. Rodney Classens.

The Department of Public Safety later released a statement saying the case remains ongoing and is pending next-of-kin notification.

The inmate's gender and nationality was also not immediately learned.

The DPS statement said that a 911 call on Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, at about 12:40pm, reporting an un-

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CUC board approves settlement with CPA

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'CHCC debt now over \$32M'

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 REPORTER

With its utilities billing now reaching over \$32 million in total, the Commonwealth Health Care Corp. was urged to pay the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. at least \$400,000 a month.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said in an interview Friday said they did send CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña a letter that basically tells her to pay CHCC's bill. Camacho said he is asking only for the current monthly bill, and that they will deal with the arrears in other ways.

"We will work some programs out. But right now, pay your monthly bill," he said.

Camacho said Muña did inform him that she was going to respond to his letter but, as far as he know, CUC has yet to receive a reply.

"We've got to work something out. We've got to figure something out," said Camacho, adding that CHCC's debt is affecting CUC's ability to purchase materials for its

power plants and for the water and wastewater programs.

Inevitably, it's going to affect CHCC's operations, Camacho said, so Muña needs to try to find some ways to be able to pay their bill.

Right now, Camacho said, he is just looking for her to pay the monthly bill. "We can deal with the arrears a little later. But right now, she just needs to pay her bill as any customer required to pay their bill," he said.

Camacho said he understands Muña's situation, that it is challenging to everybody, but CHCC has got to show more effort in paying the bill. He said he is willing to work with Muña, who just needs to inform him how it is going to happen.

"We are recommending ways to save water. Don't forget: This is not only power but this is power and water," he said.

Camacho said CUC has yet to give Muña a notice of disconnection because he does not want to jeopardize operations that deal with critical facilities in the hospital.

"I respect that. But, by the same token, she also has to understand that CUC is a critical facility. We all know that, after a disaster, we see the issues," he added.

Camacho pointed out that CUC does everything its can to ensure that CHCC has power. Muña has to do her part, too, like everybody else, in putting in her fair share and paying her bill, he said.

He said Muna did state that she is relying on a program that might transfer funds this month. "So, I am hopeful that we can communicate soon," Camacho added.

Last Oct. 2, Muña paid CUC \$200,000 when Camacho discussed CHCC's delinquent account with her.

Camacho said Muña also stated in that meeting that she recognizes the debt problem and explained the challenges that CHCC is currently dealing with.

He said Muña disclosed that she was working on a resolution to pay the current monthly billings.

Last May, CUC board vice chair Weston Deleon Guerrero said CUC should take CHCC to court to compel it to pay its debt.

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CUC board approves settlement with CPA

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors approved yesterday the omnibus settlement agreement that resolves many issues that CUC and the Commonwealth Ports Authority have been wrangling about for almost a decade.

That came about after over three hours of executive session that was attended by CUC chair Miranda V. Manglona, vice chair Weston Deleon Guerrero, director Jovita Paulino, and Commonwealth Development Authority board chair Ike Perez. CPA board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds was later called in to the executive session and the CUC board signed the agreement.

In a later interview, CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said that getting the agreement worked out and finally approved has been an eight-year process.

King-Hinds said in a separate interview that the signing of the agreement settles a close- to-10-years dispute between CPA and CUC with regard to construction and access to water wells and water charges back billing.

"Settling this dispute is not about who's right. It's about doing the right thing for the people," King-Hinds said.

Camacho said he believes that they finally came to a point where both agencies agree that it's beneficial to settle their disputes.

Camacho said a lot of mat-

ters involved had to be discussed among the CUC and CPA directors, who feel that the agreement is beneficial to both agencies.

King-Hinds said agencies of the government may have their own interests and objectives, but all are interconnected by the people they serve.



Camacho



King-Hinds

Ultimately, if they don't settle the dispute and the issue end up in court, the only people who will win are the lawyers, King-Hinds said.

"CUC stepped up to the plate today to meet us halfway and that's a win-win for the public we serve," she added.

The signatories of the agreement are King-Hinds, CPA executive director Chris Tenorio, Manglona, and Camacho. CPA legal counsel Robert T. Torres and Attorney General Edward Manibusan are also signatories. Assistant attorney general Jose Mafnas appeared as counsel for CUC.

In an interview Thursday last week, Manibusan said his office had reviewed the settlement agreement and determined that there are no legal issues affecting it.

Last June 18, the CPA board approved the draft CUC-CPA omnibus agreement with some conditions.

The terms of the agreement would basically give CUC permanent easement for use and access to 67 water wells that are on CPA premises; the existing CUC water line transporting the water from the well to the CUC island system; CPA's 20-million-gallon water tank; and the CUC sand filtration system on CPA's premises.

Under the terms of the agreement, CUC will maintain the water wells easement. This will provide CPA with continuous water supply from the water resources on its (CPA) premises free of charge.

CPA will pay for sewerline charges at a flat rate.

CPA will pay CUC the sum of \$7.2 million as a settlement amount for the disputed water charges and penalty.

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Parties in Hillbroom's lawsuit want to complete mediation

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Junior Larry Hillbroom and the parties in his lawsuit against his former two lawyers and former trustee have all agreed to put off a scheduled jury trial as they try to work out a mediation.

That prompted U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona to vacate the jury trial that was scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Manglona ordered the parties to submit by Tuesday a report on the date(s) scheduled for private mediation. She intends to schedule a status conference two weeks after the

mediation date.

Hillbroom, his former lawyers, David J. Lujan and Barry J. Israel, and former trustee, Keith Waibel, informed the court yesterday that they wish to pursue and complete a private mediation before proceeding to trial.

They believe a short trial continuance of up to the end of the first quarter of 2020 will allow a mediation to be completed. That's a deadline of up to March 2020.

Hillbroom's counsel, Nelson Werner, informed the court that their mediator is Peter Thompson out of San Francisco, California.

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SNILD OK's rezoning legislation for 'consistency'

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The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation met yesterday and discussed

only one legislation that rezones a lot in Dandan for "consistency."

The delegation unanimously passed on first and final reading delegation chair Rep.

John Paul Sablan's (R-Saipan) House Local Bill 21-33.

The legislation, which was drafted by the Commonwealth Zoning Board but introduced as a bill by Sablan, sought

to rezone a lot along Airport Road, near the old Shell gas station, from village commercial to mixed commercial.

According to Sablan, the Zoning office conducted pub-

lic hearings for the rezoning as well as gained approval of the Zoning board.

"That lot is zoned right now as village commercial. What this legislation seeks to do is to make it consistent with the surrounding areas," he said, adding that the surrounding lots had been rezoned to mixed commercial through previously enacted local laws.

"I am glad that the Zoning office took the initiative to work on the appeal of the landowner so that it doesn't

look like [the area] is spot zoned," he said.

Spot zoning is the act of zoning a specific plot of land within a larger zoned area that is inconsistent with its neighboring plots.

"The surrounding areas from this specific lot are actually all mixed commercial already—this is the only lot that is zoned otherwise," Sablan said.

HLB 21-33 now heads to the Governor's Office for review and enactment.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SSHS reports out tomorrow

Saipan Southern High School mid semester progress report is scheduled for this Thursday Nov. 14, 2019, from 4pm to 5:30pm. Call 237-3710 or 237-3702 if you have any questions or concerns. (PR)

MHS activities

Marianas High School will be having its first semester Mid-Progress Open House tomorrow, Nov. 14, 2019, from 4pm to 6pm at the new cafeteria. (PR)

TMS PTSA meeting today

The Parents Teachers Students Association meeting for Tanapag Middle School will be held today, Nov. 13, 2019, from 5pm to 6pm in the cafeteria. (PR)

Guam tax refunds out this week

HAGATNA, Guam—The Department of Revenue & Taxation has processed and the Department of Administration will mail 326 tax refund checks this week. The checks total approximately \$ 1.2 million, including refunds garnished to repay government debts, for error-free returns filed on or

before May 17, 2019.

For inquiries, contact the Income Tax Branch of the Department of Revenue & Taxation at 635-1809 or Edward Birn, Department of Administration at 475-1250. (PR)

MVA membership meeting tomorrow

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-general membership meeting tomorrow, Nov. 14, 2019, at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am. For more information, contact communityprojects@mymarianas.com or call (670) 664-3200. (MVA)

Wanted: Volunteer kettle ringers

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers as bell ringers from Nov. 29, the day after Thanksgiving, up until Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. The bell ringers would do two-hour shifts each.

The Red Kettle campaign is the Salvation Army's fundraiser. Year round, the Salvation Army serves meals to individuals and families on the island.

Aside from the Red Kettle campaign, the Salvation Army will also have a delivery of

Thanksgiving meals to tent dwellers, low income families, and the homeless on Thanksgiving Day.

It is also calling on the community to support their annual toy drive, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Saipan and Toys for Tots.

To sign up as volunteer or for more information on how your business can participate, contact Pastor Wayne Gillespie at 483-0885 or gaprens@yahoo.com. (IBM)

Military training in outer Apra Harbor, Radio Barrigada

SANTA RITA, Guam—Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 will conduct training on Nov. 12, from 6pm to 9pm at Radio Barrigada.

This training supports aircrew combat readiness and is critical to developing the skills needed to respond to operational missions throughout the region to ensure a stable, free, and open Indo-Pacific.

U.S. Naval Base Guam Security Forces will conduct training on Nov. 12, from 7am to 3pm in outer Apra Harbor.

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast notice

to mariners for advisories.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training.

The 100th Battalion of the 442nd Infantry Regiment will conduct training on Nov. 14-17, from 5am to 11:55pm at Radio Barrigada. (PR)

Essay contest open to high school students

The Saipan College Prep Academy is holding its "1st Annual SCPA Essay Contest" for high school students on the island. The contest is a double competition, with one open only to SCPA students, and the other being open to all high school students in the CNMI. Students need to write a 650-word essay on the topic, "Is Greta Thunberg right?" and submit it to Keith Tessen or Wanja Choi at the SCPA on or before Dec. 15 for SCPA students, and Dec. 30 for the rest. Winners in both contests will each take home \$500, second placers \$250, and third placers \$125. For more information, contact SCPA at 285-1669 or email Tessen at keithallentesen@gmail.com. (PR)

FBI

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close what was discussed," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Saipan Tribune chanced upon two men alongside Deleon Guerrero and two other CCC employees entering the executive director's room yesterday at around 2pm. When asked, Deleon Guerrero noted that there were no search warrants issued on the CCC.

Saipan Tribune tried to confirm with the OPA yesterday if they were involved with investigations being done by the FBI but the office declined to say anything in an email response.

"Our office cannot comment on the existence or status of any ongoing investigation," an OPA representative noted in the email.

However, Deleon Guerrero noted that both the CCC and the OPA frequently meet and that their meeting yesterday is an "ongoing dialogue."

"...This is an ongoing dialogue between OPA, but this is the first time we've had OPA and the FBI together [since the

FBI executed search warrants last Thursday]," he said.

"[The meeting] in my opinion [has] nothing to do with CCC, but we discussed a wide area of discussions," he noted.

"We are the policemen of the [casino] industry, so it is appropriate for one policeman of one industry to consult with another policeman in another industry," he added.

He declined to affirm if the meeting was consultative in nature. "I cannot really divulge that," he said. "But, yes, we have been visited and, yes, we have had meetings."

Deleon Guerrero noted that his office has worked with the FBI on "other issues" in the past he did not disclose those issues.

He noted that, during the infancy of the commission, he and other commission members visited the FBI office in Guam to introduce themselves as the CCC. They had also visited the U.S. Attorney's Office to introduce themselves.

Deleon Guerrero noted that his office often works with the FBI to conduct suitability reviews on prospective

casino vendors before issuing licenses that allow them to do business with the lone casino operator on Saipan.

Echoing the surprise of many, the Department of Public Safety also expressed no prior knowledge of the FBI's search.

DPS spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan said they were unaware of the FBI's probe on Saipan last Thursday and they are not coordinating with the FBI, as the investigation is solely under the FBI's jurisdiction.

"DPS is not involved in this case. ...DPS was unaware and received no word of the FBI's arrival and investigation in the governor's office," Pangelinan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Pangelinan also confirmed that none of the DPS offices were investigated or searched by FBI agents last week.

The FBI typically releases no information on ongoing investigation.

The FBI agents executed several search warrants last Thursday that included the Governor's Office, the office of Alfred Yue of Marianas Consultancy Services LLC,

a consultant for Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC; Legend Realty Saipan; the Torres Brothers' law office, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' home, and vehicle.

Torres' chief of staff and acting press secretary Angel Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* that the Torres administration was notified of an investigation on "allegations" and that no other information was provided.

"In an effort to preserve the integrity of the process, the administration continues to seek the community's patience and support to allow the system of justice to take its course," he said in a statement Monday.

"We have provided them with all the information and access that they have asked for, with the intent of being completely transparent and helpful in the investigation," Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios noted in a press conference Thursday afternoon.

An IPI statement released late Thursday said: "Our companies have nothing to hide and will cooperate with law enforcement authorities." (With Marc A. Venus)

TORRES

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Pacific Islands Club Saipan yesterday morning, but Palacios had to fill in for the governor.

Saipan Tribune asked Demapan yesterday if Palacios is the acting governor, but he noted in an email that Torres is still in his office.

"[Torres] was back in the office [yesterday] and took care of several meetings," he said. Demapan did not say what time the meetings were conducted yesterday, but he noted that Torres was in the hospital for a family emer-

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responsive individual at the DOC. A police officer was sent to the scene.

At the scene the officer confirmed that the individual was unresponsive and notified DPS central to summon detectives.

Preliminary findings indicate that a corrections officer approached the victim's cell

to serve lunch. The corrections officer called out the victim's name a few times and noticed that the individual was not responding. The corrections officer then went into the victim's cell and saw the unresponsive victim. The corrections officer notified the on-duty controller, who then called 911. The victim was then brought to CHC where he was later pronounced dead. (*Saipan Tribune*)

PARTIES

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Lujan does not see an issue as to the cost and payment of a mediator.

Manglona ordered that all witnesses currently under subpoena, including Hillbloom, shall remain under subpoena and would appear on the first day if the trial pushes through, so the service of another subpoena with the new date of appearance will not be required.

The judge said all witnesses authorized to testify at trial by remove live video feed shall also remain authorized.

At the hearing, Hillbloom appeared via telephone, along with his counsel, Rachel Dimitruk. Also appearing telephonically were Lujan, Israel, and Israel's counsels, Theodore Frank and David Parker.

Those present in court were

Hillbloom's counsels, Mark B. Hanson and Nelson Werner, Israel's counsel, Victorino Torres, and Waibel.

Hillbloom is suing Lujan, Israel, and Waibel over alleged mismanagement of approximately \$90 million that he inherited from his father, Larry Lee Hillblom, a co-founder and former owner of DHL Worldwide Express.

In his lawsuit, Hillbloom alleged Lujan and Israel, together with Waibel, conspired in 2001 to wrongfully increase their contingency fee when the estate of Hillblom was undergoing probate.

Lujan and Israel have also filed counter-claims against Waibel. Waibel, in turn, also filed counterclaims against Lujan and Israel.

Hillbloom, a Palauan, is one of the four DNA-proven children of Hillblom. His name is spelled differently from that of Hillblom.

The Super American Circus is in town!

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REPORTER

For the first time in 10 years, the CNMI will again be able to experience the thrill of the circus.

The Super American Circus is on the island bringing its “best of the best,” award-winning performers from all over the world to provide entertainment from Nov. 15 to 17 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium in Susupe.

Super American Circus presenter Cornell “Tuffy” Nicholas, who brought the circus to the islands 10 years ago and has produced and managed more than 5,000 shows in the U.S. and around the world, brings with him this year an all-star cast of aerialists, acrobats, jugglers, balancing acts, and daredevils to provide for an interactive “Superhero” circus experience.

In a press briefing yesterday at the Chambre Bar of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan, Nicholas said, “It is so cool to hear a grownup say he has never been to the circus before. ...To go to a place as beautiful and exotic as Saipan and have a group of people who have not seen a circus ever, you are going to go excited.”

“That show that we brought 10 years ago was a good show, but this one is the best,”



IVA MAURIN
The Super American Circus performers have a picture taken with CNMI first lady Diann Torres, seated left, and the Lady Diann Torres Foundation staff. LDTF, with Joeten Enterprises, Inc. brought the Super American Circus to the CNMI.

Nicholas added.

The “superheroes” include Martin Espana (daredevil), Olex Kartukov (comic juggler and clown), and Elaine Alcorn (vocalist and ringmaster). Blake Wallenda, a seventh-generation member of the Wallenda family that is world-famous for their tight-rope walks, is also going to

on Spanish web and violinist), Olena (hula hoop artist), Olex Kartukov (comic juggler and clown), and Elaine Alcorn (vocalist and ringmaster).

Blake Wallenda, a seventh-generation member of the Wallenda family that is world-famous for their tight-rope walks, is also going to

be performing with the Super American Circus.

Lady Diann Torres Foundation vice president Geri Dela Cruz said that bringing the circus to Saipan is one of the foundation’s ways to give back to the community. “We know that the people of the CNMI, on Saipan in particular, have not had a

circus in the past 10 years and, when we were presented the opportunity, we said this would be a perfect idea,” Dela Cruz added.

“Growing up, we all remember Circus Bruno as a little kid,” CNMI first lady Diann Torres recalls. “We figured we remember those fond memories, why not give it to

the kids? They just deserve to have memories like that.”

Showtimes are Nov 15, Friday, 7:30pm; Nov 16, Saturday, 1 pm, 4pm, 7:30pm; and Nov 17, Sunday, 1pm, 4pm, 7:30pm.

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ADVANCING AGROFORESTRY

Ensuring that there is enough food in CNMI

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With the rapidly growing global concern on food security in the midst of climate change, people all over the world are looking into the possibility of growing food in their own backyards.

Solving the problem of

food, especially here in the CNMI, requires the fortification of the island's agricultural systems. Agroforestry is one way.

It may sound offputtingly scientific to most people but, as Solly Takai explains it, agroforestry is about building a food forest rather than just growing one crop in a monoculture system.

"It pretty much allows you to grow a diversity of crop species, where you are creating this environment where everything is working together to benefit each other," said Takai, who is an extension agent at the Agricultural Production program of the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension, & Education Services.

This means growing different kinds of fruit trees, root crops, vegetables, crops for lumber, native plants, medicinals, and other plant species all in one plot of land. In the CNMI, this could be breadfruit and banana trees, sweet potato, taro, tapioca, root crops, among others.

Which is why NMC-CREES is pushing for agroforestry on the islands. Not only does it enhance food production so that people on the island will have food to eat, but it also keeps the soil moist and help conserve the land's resources.

"We want to address food and nutritional security. We also want to build more resilient growing systems, and agroforestry is one of them. We are working with our Nutrition and Health program on this important multi-faceted endeavor," Takai said, adding that they are trying to promote a more restorative farming on the islands.

"Subsistence means you and I can grow it in our backyard, and we can take care of it. It really depends on how

much time that we put into it. The factors that come to play is the management and the environment of the agroforest," he added.

For people who want to grow an agroforest in their yards, Takai advises them to come to the upcoming workshop on agroforestry and to call CREES for assistance. Maintenance and management should also be put into consideration.

"Proper planning is key," Takai said.

To help the community learn more about Agroforestry, NMC-CREES will be holding an Agroforestry Workshop, themed "Designing and Growing an Abundant Food Forest," this Nov. 15, Friday, 8am to 4:30pm at the Kanoa Resort Seaside Hall, and Nov. 16, Saturday, from 8am to 11:30am at the Center for Agriculture Development-Research Farm in As Perdido.

Experts in agroforestry will be coming to the CNMI from the Big Island in Hawaii to conduct the workshop, which will be hosted by the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program. Also presenting at the workshop are faculty from the NMC-CREES.

Participants can also expect to do physical, hands-on work at the NMC-CREES farm in As Perdido.

"We are here to promote agriculture," Takai said. "We've seen many, many storms come and go and what we hope to see is more people growing more food, whether it be at their farm, their homestead, or even in their backyard...to address the food security issue that we have on the islands."

To learn more about agroforestry and/or to register for the workshop, contact Takai at 234-3276.



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Research assistant Bill Joseph works with other members of the Agricultural Production Program at the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension, & Education Services farm in As Perdido.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP20-BECQ/DCRM-007**

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 02, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“CONDUCT & DEVELOP THE CNMI COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM’S 2021-2025 SECTION 309 PROGRAM ASSESSMENT & STRATEGY FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL COASTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP **MUST** BE SUBMITTED VIA-EMAIL TO **MR. RICH SALAS** BY EMAIL AT rsalas@dcrm.gov.mp, **NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 15, 2019**. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PERSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ELI D. CABRERA
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP20-BECQ/DCRM-011**

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2019 TIME: 09:30 A.M.

“MEASURED LAND & MARINE SURVEYS OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT’S (CRM) DESIGNATED AREAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN: COASTAL HAZARDS, SHORELINES, WETLANDS & STREAMS, PORTS & INDUSTRIAL, & LAGOON, CORAL REEF, & SEAGRASS FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL COASTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT”

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ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP **MUST** BE SUBMITTED VIA-EMAIL TO **MS. SAM SABLAN** BY EMAIL AT sablan@dcrm.gov.mp, **NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 29, 2019**. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PERSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP20-DCCA/CCDF-005**

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 02, 2019 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

“CREATE & REVISE CNMI’S CCDF PRE-SERVICE TRAINING CONTENT, PROVIDE RELATED ACTIVITIES, CREATE & PROVIDE ON-GOING HEALTHY & SAFETY TRAININGS TO MEET CCDBG ACT OF 2014 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHILD CARE DEVELOPEMNT FUND OFFICE BUILDING NO. 1347, ASCENCION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN ON **NOVEMBER 15, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.**

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO **MS. MARIBEL S.D. LOSTE, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR**, VIA EMAIL TO mloste.cnmicdf@gmail.com OR VIA FACSIMILE TO **(670) 664-2547 NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 18, 2019**. ALL QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROPOSERS.

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/S/ ROBERT H. HUNTER
SECRETARY, DCCA

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NMHC RFP 2020-001**

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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DATE: December 13, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM

CONDUCT AND PREPARE THE ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Proposal package will be available on **November 13, 2019**, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays or you may obtain the proposal package online at www.nmhcgov.net "Public Notice/Announcements" subtitle "Request for Proposal".

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement regulations, NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at **10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2019**, at the NMHC Central Office Conference Room in Garapan. Failure to attend the Mandatory pre-proposal conference will be considered a non-responsive bidder.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer, at (670)234-6866/7689; (670)483-9447; or email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ Aubry Hocog
Chairman, NMHC Board of Directors

/s/ Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

Tropical depression seen to pass Northern Islands

The tropical depression that has been forming north of Kwajalein in the Republic of Marshall Islands for several days has been upgraded to a tropical depression and could pass near or just northeast

of the far Northern Islands of the CNMI late Thursday and Friday.

According to the U.S. National Weather Service in Guam yesterday, Tropical Depression 26W is projected

to continue to strengthen and become a tropical storm by today, Wednesday.

TS 26W is expected to make a gradual turn toward the west-northwest Tuesday and continue in that direction

through Thursday. It is currently moving west at 18 miles per hour with maximum sustained winds of 30 mph.

NWS reports that there are no watches or warnings in effect but the CNMI, particularly

the Northern Islands of Agrihan, Pagan, and Alamagan, are advised to pay closer attention to the progress of 26W.

Based on the NWS' recent weather alert, 26W is currently 1,230 miles east of Saipan

and 1,300 miles east of Guam. NWS first reported the matter on Monday, stating that forecast models showing the disturbance moving in a track similar to Super Typhoon Halong and passing through the northern part of CNMI near Pagan late Thursday and Friday. *(Marc A. Venus)*

Female canine handler leads Customs graduation

By **MARC A. VENUS**
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REPORTER

A female canine handler led the eight graduates of the CNMI Customs Service's 8th cycle academy who were sworn in yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret.

Inspector Maelyn Matilde Cabrera Naputi completed 14 weeks of training to become the first female detector dog handler in the nearly 20-year existence of the CNMI Customs Detector Dog Program.

Naputi is no stranger to Customs, as she graduated under Customs' 7th cycle academy last year. She was assigned to Customs' Special Enforcement Branch as part of the X-Ray unit, and she was tasked with the responsibility of detecting contraband or dutiable items using X-ray machines at the CNMI's ports of entry.

"[The experience] was fun and challenging, but [Customs] made it easy for me and they really helped me through, and although it may not be easy, it was worth the try," said Naputi, 22, about joining the Detector Dog Program.

Naputi joined the CNMI



The eight graduates of the CNMI Customs Services' 8th Cycle Academy pose for a picture with Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and other CNMI officials yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret.

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Customs Service after graduating from Kagman High School in 2015.

The other graduates yesterday are Rolly Jose Bugarin, Anesta David, Rayleen Cabrera, Vincent Sablan, Kenneth Untalan, Leroy Atalig Jr., and Owen Tagabuel.

Although this 8th cycle holds the smallest class to date, Customs director Jose Mafnas said the division has never faced any shortages of staff. "This is the smallest cycle that we have had since we

started our academy, but we are never short of manpower, with an adequate number of officers and equipment to protect [the CNMI's] borders," Mafnas said.

Mafnas assured that Customs will continue to check all products that enter CNMI soil and protect the CNMI borders.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Department of Finance Secretary David Atalig, who both attended yesterday's graduation, congratulated the cadets for completing the

training and applauded their dedication, with hope that they will continue to protect the CNMI's borders from smuggled products and punishing

those who avoid and "cheat" the excise tax system.

Attorney General Edward Manibusan highlighted the importance of adding manpower

to CNMI Customs as they are sworn not just to protect the borders but also to make sure that no illegal activities occur in the CNMI.

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Stage miracles: MCS Theatre Club

Editor's Note: This article is part of "Spotlight," a recurring series featuring CNMI personalities. To suggest a person to feature in this section, email us at editor@saipantribune.com.

By IVA MAURIN
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REPORTER

They dance, sing, act. They tell a story, and, more importantly, they share our story.

Today's Spotlight steps away from a single person to a group of Mount Carmel School students who are making waves in the community, who shine, very fittingly, in the spotlight under the benevolent wings of the school's Theatre Club.

While stage plays had been performed on the island for decades, it wasn't until 1996 that the Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club was created, with the single-minded mission to tell a story one stage

play at a time.

MCS president and theatre club adviser Galvin Deleon Guerrero, then a teacher at the Marianas High School, with then co-teacher Harold Easton, had a vision 23 years ago to bring formalized theatre to the CNMI. And, like a story with a happy ending, they made it happen.

SPOTLIGHT

Saipan Tribune recently sat down with Deleon Guerrero, and three young MCS thespians—Brandee Hunter, Mikee Mendoza, and Larry Cruz—to talk about the miracle that is theatre, as well as their upcoming production, *Mamma Mia!*

"Theater is such a powerful tool of, not only for expression, but for tackling difficult issues," Deleon Guerrero said. "When you engage students and an audience in drama, and entertainment, you can really change hearts and minds. It is a very powerful way to engage people."

The MCS Theatre Club has been engaging people for many years with almost 50 productions, from *Romeo & Juliet* in May 1997, to the *We Drank Our Tears* series last year, to *Tasi* early this year and, of course, *Mamma Mia!* this December.

Hunter, who first got into the club when she was in fifth grade for the production of *The Little Mermaid* in 2014, is now directing *Mamma Mia!*

"I've always loved *Mamma Mia!*" Hunter said. "It's a universal story about family, love, relationships that everyone can either relate to or feel like they are a part of. For such a beautiful movie, and a beautiful show, to be put on would be just amazing."

And that is what the MCS Theatre Club has become for many—a huge family of people with arms that welcome students from all grade levels who would love to try out and experience theatre.

"When I joined, I was immediately welcomed by this



From left, *Mamma Mia!* assistant director and choreographer Larry Cruz, director Brandee Hunter, and stage manager Mikee Mendoza.

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huge family that just warms your heart," Hunter recalls. "They all accepted me. I enjoyed being around everyone, going to practice, learning the dances, learning how to act. That was really fun. It was a safe place for me to go. I fell in love with theatre club."

"I stepped into theater club and just felt like I was at home," added *Mamma Mia!* stage manager Mendoza, who began her career as a thespian in seventh grade for the *White Christmas* production in 2015.

Mendoza sees her journey, from being a dancer in her first production, to now being the stage manager, as a good experience. As early as now, she is already sad that next year will be her last production with the MCS Theatre Club.

"I am not ready for that circle," Mendoza said. "When we have our last production, we talk about why we love theatre all over again and how much of a family it is. You get to interact with kids from first grade, we accept all levels. When you become an alumni, you see those kids take your spot. They become the stage manager, become the floor

manager. You see them grow as you grow."

One who is definitely looking forward to next year's production is Cruz, assistant director and choreographer for *Mamma Mia!* Relatively new in theatre, Cruz started his career as a thespian in *Tasi*, MCS' sold-out original musical last February.

"I immediately fell in love with being on the stage and performing and acting," Cruz said. "I found a family here and having all these people, friends, is very heartwarming. I am very grateful and very hopeful that I get to direct my own production next year. I am looking forward to it."

As excited as he is for next year's production, Cruz is calling on other members of the community to experience theatre.

"Do it, definitely," Cruz said. "If you have the chance to join any drama or theatre class that you have in your school, do it because...it's just a great place. ...You would experience things you've never thought you'd experience—the thrill of being on the stage, the chaos that is the backstage with everyone running around,

or the week before show—all of these things that I think people should experience because it is great and it is amazing."

With the lively performing arts scene in the Commonwealth, the Marianas High School Glee program, the Saipan Southern music program, Friends of the Arts, the Glasgow Ballet company, and the MCS Theatre Club, among many others, the next goal is to find a solid home for the performing arts in the CNMI.

As Deleon Guerrero looks back and recalls the decades of telling stories through productions, witnessing students shine as they share stories on stage, the entire community could also sit back and watch their children, young members of the community, make miracles on stage.

"It is so important for us to tell our stories," Deleon Guerrero said. "Getting students to realize that they can tell their own stories, or they can tell their versions of stories, is really important. The rewarding things is to see that spark come alive on stage where they get it. And they feel it and they deliver it. It is just magical and I love it."



Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club practices for their latest production, *Mamma Mia!*

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
**Joy Lee Corporation
dba Green Consume Market**

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Joy Lee Corporation dba Green Consume Market is proposing to construct a structure for warehouse. This use is classified as "Warehousing & General Wholesaling" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. EA 225-NEW-1 in As Lito. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio
Multi-purpose Center, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 3:00 pm, November 19, 2019. Please send written comments via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Mariano Taitano, Chairman

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for
Hui Tao Tsang dba Royal Garden

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/s/ Mariano Taitano, Chairman

Fees waived for NMC Cash for College workshop participants

Those who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming "Cash for College" workshop will qualify to have their NMC spring 2020 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

The first Cash for College workshop will be held Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019, at the Tinian Campus in building D and the library from 10am to 1pm.

Cash for College workshops will also be held on

Rota on Friday, Nov. 22, 2019, in Building A-1, and Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, between buildings N and O on Saipan.

The purpose of the workshops is to assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education. The Cash for College workshops are open to new and ongoing students, as well as members in the community who are interested in finding money for college.

Participants of the workshop will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the CNMI Scholarship, municipal scholarships (like the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance), the TEACH Grant, and more.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a

valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), their high school diploma, a

copy of 2017 and 2018 1040, copy of 2017 and 2018 W-2 (if not filing), and proof of CNMI residency, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter

registration card.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792, email daisy.propst@marianas.edu, or visit www.marianas.edu. **(PR)**

Get your artwork featured in NOAA calendar

CNMI students, do you want to see your artwork featured in a calendar?

If yes, pick up your art supplies and join the Marine Debris Program Art Contest of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration this year!

The artwork should show two things: first, how marine debris impacts the ocean, and second, what you are doing to help prevent marine debris.

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, public, private, and home schools are eligible to participate. Students must work individually.

Winning entries will be featured in NOAA's 2021 Marine

Debris Calendar which will help in the global campaign to raise awareness about marine debris.

NOAA defines marine debris as any persistent solid material that is manufactured or processed and directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment.

Marine debris, in short, are man-made items that accidentally or deliberately ended up in the sea or the ocean.

Each entry must consist of the artwork and a description (on the entry form), and must meet the requirements outlined on the NOAA Marine

Debris Program Annual Art Contest Entry Form.

The Program Art Contest is open until Nov. 30, 2019. Entries will be judged on creativity, artistic presentation, and relevance to the theme.

Artworks can be submitted to the office of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance along Middle Road in Garapan by Nov. 27, Wednesday. MINA will send the artworks to the NOAA Program headquarters in Maryland at no charge to you.

For more information, and to download the entry form, visit <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/outreach/artcontest.html>. **(Iva Maurin)**



MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

The Northern Marianas College is now accepting applications for Framingham State University's master of education degree program. In the photo are 2018 Framingham State University graduates Le'ah Murphy, left, and Bonny Cruz.

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(AMENDED) Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

- A. Preliminary Matters**
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of 10/17/2019 meeting minutes
 5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)
- B. Public Hearings:**
 - 1. Conditional Use Application #2019-0770:** Joy Lee Corporation dba Green Consume Market is proposing to construct a structure for warehouse. This use is classified as "Warehousing & General Wholesaling" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. EA 225-NEW-1 in As Lito. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.
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- C. Communication**
- D. Old Business**
- E. New Business**
 1. Board Decision on additional amendments to the Saipan Zoning Law
 2. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)
 3. Zoning Budget
- F. Executive (Closed) Session**
- G. Miscellaneous**
 - a. Other Matters
 - b. Announcements
 - c. Next Meeting
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Honoring our commitment to veterans

Veterans Day calls for more than gratitude for the military men and women who have served this country. It calls for a renewed commitment to support them in their transition to civilian life.

The day calls to mind the deep sacrifices of active duty—stress, injury, loss and physical danger; the friends and family left behind—but the sacrifices made by Washington's and their families are not limited to deployment, nor do they stop at the end of their service. As a direct result of their willingness to put their personal lives on hold during years of enlistment, veterans can experience unique barriers to employment, health and opportunity. It is our duty to help remove those barriers, as U.S. Sen. Patty Murray said in an interview last week.

Much of that work falls to lawmakers. Most recently, Sen. Murray, the daughter of a disabled World War II veteran and staunch advocate for veterans, has been monitoring implementation of the MISSION Act, enacted this past summer to give veterans greater access to medical care.

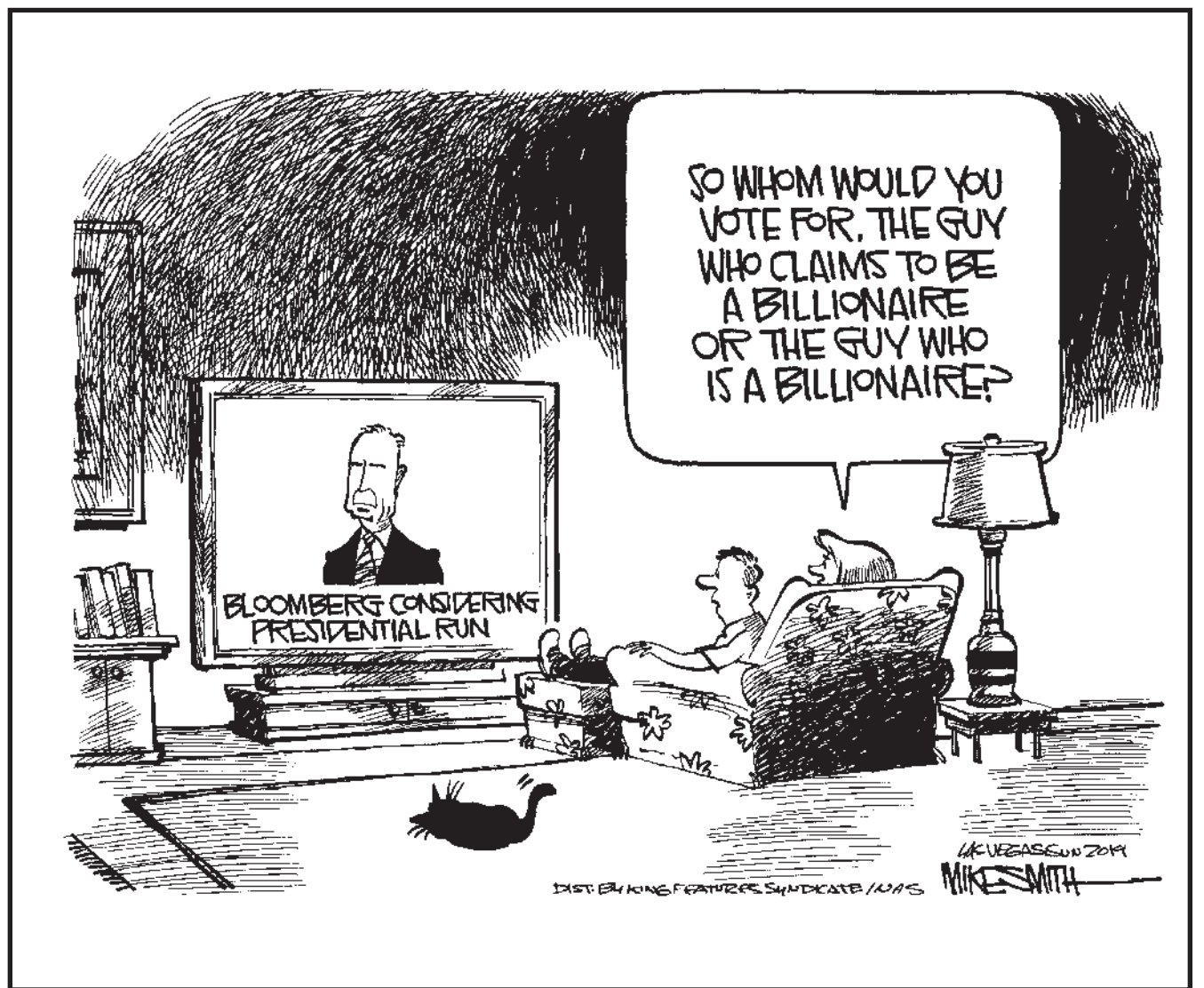
At the statehouse, several bills are in the works that would expand and fine-tune laws intended to help veterans and their families, encouraging state agencies to award contracts to veteran-owned businesses, increasing employment opportunities for military spouses and expanding higher education tuition waivers for family of veterans and National Guard members with disabilities. Other bills would address health concerns, including one that would establish a statewide plan to reduce suicide among veterans, service members and their families. In total, there are 45 bills that were put into play during the last legislative session that could be taken up again this year.

Meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse veteran population is an ongoing responsibility. As Murray said, "We had them sign up to fight for us, based on the fact that when they came home after serving our country, we would be there for them." That obligation cannot be ignored.

This obligation is not borne only by policymakers. As Murray said, all people can show active gratitude through small acts of kindness that recognize the unique struggles veterans often face. A weeknight dinner, an offer to watch the kids for a while and other small gestures can give new meaning to "thanks for your service."

As they gave, so they deserve.

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US needs to cure the health-care cost disease

By NOAH SMITH
BLOOMBERG NEWS

By this point, everyone knows that the U.S. health-care system is fundamentally broken. But every plan to fix it runs into a fusillade of opposition. This dynamic could be seen in the reaction to the Affordable Care Act, which remained unpopular for years after its passage. The Obamacare system substantially reduced the number of Americans who were uninsured, but costs kept growing.

Most recently, Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren's plan to pay for national health insurance has drawn criticism from both the right and the left, largely because of its cost. Bernie Sanders, who envisions a similar insurance system, promises that his funding plan will be more progressive than Warren's. The expense of his proposal will undoubtedly receive even more fire from centrists and conservatives.

Why is it so hard to agree on a health-care plan? One obvious possibility: Reform plans feel as intolerable as the status quo while lacking the promise of lowering costs. The U.S.'s uniquely dysfunctional hybrid public-private system has resulted in the country devoting a much higher share of its output to health care than its rich-world peers.

Reducing costs, therefore, is a must. Not only should a reform program stop an inefficient health-care system from continuing to devour the U.S. economy, but it must be made palatable to a frightened and confused electorate.

Advocates of single-payer plans tend to assume that switching to national health insurance will reduce costs. This assumption features in both Warren's and Sanders's proposals. There is some justification for this. Health care in Canada, which has a single-payer system, costs much less; if the U.S. spent the same% of its gross domestic product on health care as its northern neighbor, it would save more than \$1.34 trillion a year. And Medicare, the government-run insurance program for the elderly, has done a better job of holding down costs than the rest of the U.S. insurance system.

But how would the savings be achieved? Simply eliminating the profits of private health insurers would do very little; even after a recent surge in profitability, health-insurance earnings amounted to only about \$21 billion in 2018. That's a drop in the bucket.

Many single-payer proponents believe that a government insurance system would save money by reducing administrative

costs. A single-payer system wouldn't have to spend a dime on marketing, and it would save providers like hospitals the trouble of dealing with a large number of different insurers. Sanders projects cost savings of \$500 billion a year from this alone, while other estimates put it at between \$340 billion and \$383 billion. That would eliminate perhaps a quarter to a third of the cost gap between the U.S. and Canada.

But there are reasons to be skeptical of those numbers. Medicare's administrative costs appear low, but some of this can be attributed to cost shifting to private partners. The conservative Heritage Foundation argues that Medicare also shifts much of the administrative responsibilities (and thus costs) to providers.

Meanwhile, there are certainly plenty of cases in which government purchasing leads to huge cost overruns. Building infrastructure, which is mostly paid for by the government, is much more expensive in the U.S. than in other developed countries. It's quite possible that a U.S. single-payer system would fall victim to the same mysterious American cost disease.

But there's also reason to believe that government health insurance could reduce costs by negotiating lower prices. Research has shown that U.S. health-service prices are anomalously high. Studies have documented that hospitals have substantial monopoly power, allowing them to overcharge. A single-payer health insurer could use its market power as the sole buyer of health care to force down these inflated prices. Medicare's lower costs may already benefit from its size and importance as a buyer.

A single-payer system isn't even necessary to do this. Under a system known as all-payer rate setting, providers would have to charge private insurers the same prices that they charge the government. This would allow the government to force prices down without eliminating private insurers. Maryland, which uses this system, has saved substantially in recent years.

Single-payer health insurance is about more than just lowering total costs; it's also about making coverage universal and eliminating the hassle and burden of deductibles and co-payments. But in order to make the public receptive to the huge price tag of a single-payer system, it might be a good idea to first switch to national all-payer rate setting. Forcing down prices is central to health-care reform. Any plan that doesn't do this will probably be regarded as a failure.

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Hinalum federat

Magof tutuhun ha`ane gi maposña na Huebes estake huli`e gi primet pahinan gaseta na mahatme i offisinan gobietnu ni FBI ya mahuchum. Esta pa`gu taya` esplikasion haf` i motibu.

Debi i FBI u komprende na mangai direchu hit gumubietnan maisa hit segun inakonfotman i kontratan i Covenant. Ti siña na sin rason para u huchum gobietnamento-ta gi kaprichoña. Malag manu i respetu gi prinsipiun direchun sudadanu?

Esta pa`gu taya` infotmasion haf` na mahuchum i offisina ni FBI. Dispues, dudayu` kau guaha inisaguen lai federat ni kabisiyun Marianas.

Puntu: direchun natibu gumubietnan maisague` mina ha estot-bayu` i masusede. Na haf` na che`chu` kumbalache (corruption) guaha na taiguine masusede? Debi i gobietnu u tachu pot direchun natibu gumubietnan maisague`.

Sustansian

Hu tutuhun umaligau haf` na trastes natibu rumepresenta Chamorro? Kumeke ileghu `an un`li`e, sin ditension, ilegmu Chamorro. Haf` ennau na attikulu?

Ramentan gualu`, trastes tasi, mitate yan manu, karetan guaka, mulinu, galaide`? Gai atburotu i kuestion layeye pot tatnai ta atutuye i asuntu.

Lau debi i trastes u gaige kumu diariu na usun guma`. Haf` `nau na attikulu? Yangin guaha sineda` miyu maila` ta publika para benefisiun tod.

Attikilu

In` hassu i mafanana`an “lusuñg”—achu` `nai malolomug fina` `agun yan hagu, hale` pat tinegcha` tinanum para amot? Hasan este na kosas na tiempu ya suette `an siña tasoda`.

Lau hagas diariu na usu para man-amko`ta malomug `agun haya para usun niha. Ha inklusu dagu, nika, sune, yan sinetnan choda para usun famaguon yan man-amku`.

Sustansiau na `agun ni mi-alimentu ke hinegsa` yan pan. Lau tinahgue ni modetnu siha na attikulu ni manma-u`usa gi pre-

parasion neñkanu`. Ti maliñgu prineponen mafatinasña gi mana` mamtu` `agun haya.

Areglu

I kualidat linala` maseha manu na tanu` gaige gi mauleg na areglu siha. Ayudu gi ma-adelantan kinalamten unu yan tod.

I dichu chanda guine gaige gi suetdun popble gi kase 15-mit na empleau ni umusune pot taya` otu alibiu.

Makat na kontrariu pot ha nesessita kase \$750 miyon pesus gi sakan. Solu ke guaha dañkulu na adelantun ekonomia guine sumaga i suetdu taimanu pa`gu.

Haf` na planu guaha ni siña umadelanta mas ekonomian Marianas? Guaha `nai hoñnga haf` planun hegsu` I Deni` guine na patte? Haf` ya megaiña besis `nai manlolosus I Boysis gi mañggun kareta? Kau mampus makat i asuntu na esta nina` fan matuhug?

Atan ya in` estudiaye sa` siña mamueba i asuntu. Fotmat na estuiyu yan kinimite ha nesessita ginen kada kabisiyun `sino malihe. Na bali promesan miyu umadelanta ha`anen tautau-ta siha.

Minesñgun

Gi hiniyuñg i Navy guine gi mediu sisienta siha na sakan megai tautau-ta mana` fan para gi che`chu` niha. Fuetsau mafalague i gualu` yan tasi.

Dañkulu yan sapet` gi linala` familia tinilaikan otinariu na pagamientu ginen moseria yan gotpe na mattirun gualu` ni debi u tutuhungue` gi managargas hagas lancheria.

Todu hagas tinanum choda inna` gasgas yan ta`lu tumanume. Haf` in` seda` gi hagas tinanum kamute, dagu yan sune in` benefisia.

Ayu na tiempu i latan makaro` ennau i \$.16 sientimus kada lata. Kase guaha un` dipositu na makaro` in` `kanu` pot chinat-saga. Ayu ha` uttimun fuetsan miseraple na pinepble!

Adumididi` sige ma-adelanta kinalamten tod.

Mas guaha homlu` na adelantu `nai ta establese gobietnamento-ta gi 1978.

Pinadese

I mattirun ayu na tiempu tat tihana` dimu lau ni unu sumeha man-aligau satbasion. Adahe hanum grifu yan sinetnan choda para amotsan oga`an lau in` usune.

Dispues de tod mattiru, guaha `nai mattu mahalañghu ni

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minesñgun bisinu gi parehu fina`pus. Magahet na tod kinalamten motmut sensian ina`ayuda gi unu yan tod. Estague` muna`e ham esperansa para bai`n atan mona finattun sigiente oga`an.

Magahet na sumen chatsaga halum guma` popble. Finañagun manadan tinilaika `nai chinema` fitme na karera para lamayot patte gi familia guine. Mauleg i manlistu fumalague che`chu` gualu para kubren mediu nesessidat siha. Makat na mattiru!

Diniseha

I natibu ti kontentu gi haf` estauña gi tiempun Navy mina` kon-todu dinaña yan Guahan ha petsige. Maseha mañega ti kontentu pumetsige umaligau mas fitme na futuru.

Gi 1972, masede separau na negosiu yan America. Estague` tutuhun i presente na estau `sino sistematan gobienamento-ta pa`gu. Adumididi` sige tana` fitme modun disposision asuntun linahyan siha. Man-amtau na areglu ginen lehislatura ni fumatinas areglun publiku.

Guaha mohon kampu para mas disposision gi asuntu siha ni gaige pa`gu gi kanai federat? I ineppa, huñgan. Taya` na nesessita kabales na otganisasion ginen hita.

Peska

Estaba i amiguu gi puntan pantalan Mañagaha ginen pumeskan figsa. Ha fatta manadan kinine`ña ni ha gotde gi fina` alamle. Trabiha ham ti in` disisidi kau peska pat maneska!

Todu klase guaha ti alamle desde hañgun, tataga`, manineñg, satmuneti, mafute` yan taraketiyun. In` tetne i guafe para bai`in fan manunu. Guaha tiau lokue para kelaguen. Dinanche!

Think about what’s between your two ears

Do you ever think about what’s going on in the three lbs of tissue inside your skull that sits on the top of your neck? The human brain is composed of 75 percent water and 60 percent fat. Who knew? The human brain has 86,000,000,000 (86 billion) neurons. Crikey! The brain is miraculous.

The brain is so astounding that it gets its own annual Brain Awareness Week in March. Bravo to the brain. Celebrate your cerebellum and cerebrum. Love your lobes. Nurture your neurons.

The Global Council on Brain Health is a collaboration of scientists, health professionals, scholars and policy experts from around the world that work in areas of brain health related to human cognition. Shazam!

“The brain is the most complex of the human body. This three-lb organ is the seat of intelligence, interpreter of the senses, initiator of body movement, and controller of behavior. Lying in its bony shell and washed by protective fluid, the brain is the source of all qualities that define our humanity. The brain is the crown

jewel of the human body” (www.ninds.nih.gov).

Are you getting brain strain from too much stress? We only get 168 hours per week to do everything we want and need to do. That’s it. So, stop trying to squeeze so many activities into your week.

“We live our lives as if they were one big emergency! We often rush around looking busy, trying to solve problems, but in reality, we are often compounding them,” wrote Richard Carlson, author of the book, *Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff*. Calm down your brain strain.

Are you getting brain drain from too little sleep? Study after study shows that getting seven to eight hours of sleep per night is necessary for memory, learning, and focusing. So, stop guzzling caffeine and get your zzz’s.

Did you know that falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injury overall, particularly in older adults and young children?

Brain check-up
Take an online self-assessment (no cost) by the Cleveland

The real collusion in Washington

If you are paying attention to the Washington circus that is the impeachment inquiry into President Trump’s handling of the much maligned Ukraine call, this is what real collusion looks like: a media largely committed to advancing the goal of Democrats to severely damage or remove him from office, a series of at first private testimonies by people who appear to have similar motives and connections to Democrats and/or anti-Trump forces, and now a new book by “Anonymous,” which claims the president has a bad attitude and is difficult to work with.

Where to start?

“Anonymous” is a self-admitted coward. He, or she, apparently still works within the administration. A true patriot would resign and go public so their accusations could be tested. Writing a book like this while still on the public payroll is more than cowardly, it is also an attempt to disregard, disrespect and dishonor the people who voted for Donald Trump.

Next comes the testimony starting Wednesday of carefully selected “witnesses” before Rep. Adam Schiff’s “intelligence” committee (now there’s a play on words). These testimonies are designed to advance the left’s narrative about Ukraine, but only the narrative that fits their agenda and not the one featuring a real quid pro quo involving then-Vice President Joe Biden and his overpaid son, who held a directorship with a Ukraine energy company while his father was vice president and involved in U.S. policy on Ukraine. At the time, the elder

Biden urged Ukraine to fire its top prosecutor, with the threat of withholding U.S. aid.

Having failed at other attempts to smear the president, this is the Democrat’s last gasp. They must know that even if they draw up dubious articles of impeachment, the Senate won’t vote to convict and remove Trump from office. This could create one of the biggest political backfires in history if the public perceives it as unfair and driven by bias, ignoring evidence that would be to the president’s benefit.

Take one example of many that unmask the objective of the anti-Trumpers, which has been obvious at least since the 2016 election.

The attorneys for the so-called “whistleblower,” the person who heard from someone who listened to the call between President Trump and the president of Ukraine, have numerous Twitter postings stating their intentions. Here are some of them taken directly from their tweets.

From Mark S. Zaid: “#coup has started. First of many steps. #rebellion #impeachment will follow ultimately.” This tweet was posted just after the president was sworn in and before he had done anything.

In the summer of 2017, Zaid tweeted “We will get rid of Trump” and “as one (coup) fails two more will take their place.” He repeats these sentiments and objectives over many months. Zaid also predicted CNN would be an ally in the pursuit of impeachment. Anyone examining that network’s “reporting” can

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How are you treating your magnificent brain? You only get one brain in this lifetime, so treat it with safety and respect.

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attest to the accuracy of his prediction.

The other attorney for the whistleblower, Andrew Bakaj, also appears to be an anti-Trumper. He has tweeted that the president is “unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. That’s the standard (in) the 25th Amendment.”

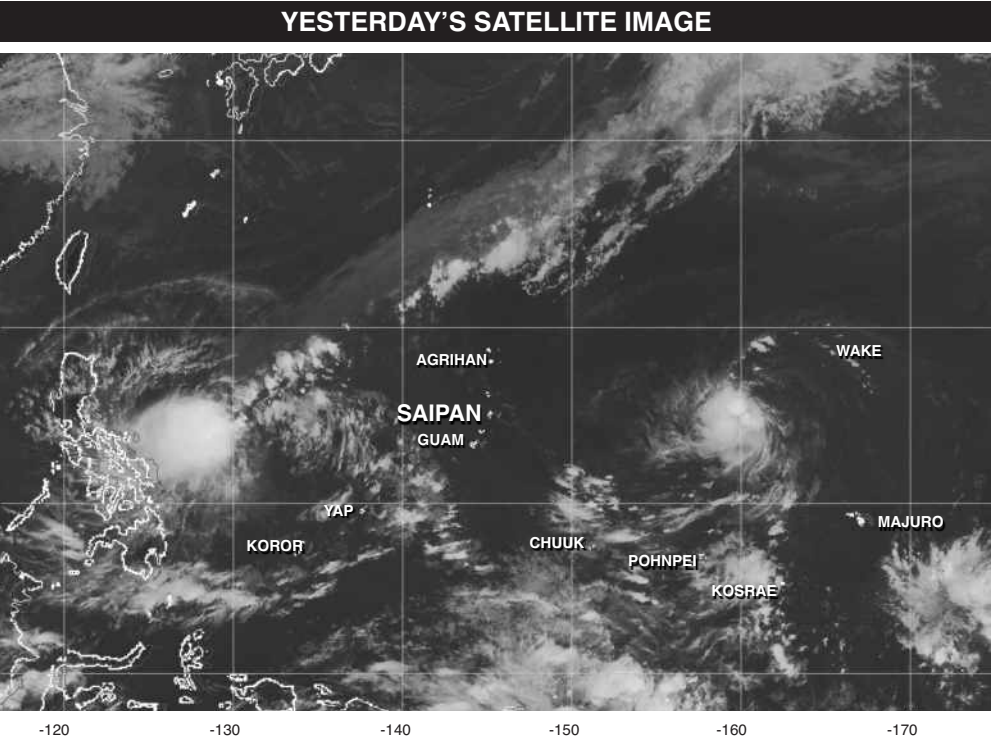
All of this is the stuff of show trials and banana republics. The left does not have a single issue on which they can defeat the president, most especially when it comes to the economy and the lowest unemployment in nearly 50 years, and as Trump claims, “the highest stock market ever.”

If the public comes to see this as the partisan assault that it is and a power play to nullify the will of the voters who elected the president in 2016—assuming they pay attention during the coming holidays—this could prove the greatest political disaster for them since Walter Mondale lost 49 states to Ronald Reagan in 1984.

And they will deserve it.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
89°	78°	87°	76°	86°	76°	88°	77°	88°	77°



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WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

Fair weather persists over the Marianas this morning with only a few showers seen on radar. A low-level ridge remains parked over the area between a broad, but weak, circulation north of Koror near 12N133E, and newly-formed Tropical Depression 26W southwest of Wake Island near 14N164E. Another weak circulation is found west of Pohnpei near 8N156E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an up-dated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲ °F		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲ °F		
Auckland	Rain	66° / 57°
Beijing	Sunny	45° / 25°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	79° / 68°
Honolulu	Showers	86° / 73°
London	Showers	48° / 39°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	78° / 58°
Manila	Rain	81° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	72° / 52°
Miami	Showers	79° / 74°
New York	Sunny	42° / 30°
Osaka	Rain	64° / 46°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	48° / 39°
Busan	Sunny	48° / 36°
Rome	Showers	63° / 50°
Salem	Sunny	50° / 31°
San Francisco	Cloudy	59° / 50°
Seoul	Sunny	39° / 25°
Tokyo	Sunny	73° / 46°
Washington, DC	Sunny	39° / 28°

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1:57 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.17
8:35 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.71
2:11 PM	LOW TIDE	0.86
7:25 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.75

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:17 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:17 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	6:35 AM	6:23 PM
Thursday	-	7:28 AM	7:09 PM
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UA105	6:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4		UA104	4:50pm	5:30pm	2, 4	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)					BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
7C3451	3:20am	6:30am	Daily		7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	
					7C3452	10:05pm	2:30am+1	3	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)					SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
TW308	2:05am	6:05am	Daily		OZ6233	8:00am	1:20pm	2, 4, 6	
OZ626	2:10am	6:10am	1		OZ623	8:55am	2:30pm	1, 3, 5, 7	
OZ626	2:50am	6:25am	3, 7		7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily	
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 4, 5, 6		OZ625	7:30pm	1:00am+1	7	
7C3403	4:35am	8:35am	Daily		TW307	7:45pm	1:05am+1	Daily	
OZ6243	3:20pm	7:10pm	2, 4, 6		OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
OZ624	3:50pm	7:40pm	1, 3, 5, 7		7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily	
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily						
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)					SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7		3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7	
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)					HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN				
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1		JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4	
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4		JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7	
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)					GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN				
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6		3U8645	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5	
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)					BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN				
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7		MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
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UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	Daily via GUM		OZ702/625	12:05pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
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					OZ704/6233	11:45pm	1:20pm+1	1, 3, 5 via ICN	
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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily		
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1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily		
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily		
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3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily		
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily		
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily		
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GUAM TO ROTA				2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily		
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily		
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Business

Plenty of smiles at Michelle's Bar Happy Hour

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Michelle's Bar at Aqua Resort Club has been putting smiles in tourists and locals' faces since April after introducing its Happy Hour Promotions.

The revamped Happy Hour specials at Michelle's Bar

offers 50% off most beverages and a build-your-own taco station, where each taco is only \$1.50.

"The guests really enjoy this promotion, and the number of guests is increasing every week," said Victoria S. Barnes, Marketing & Public Relations manager. "The

guests enjoy a peaceful beach-front sunset retreat, and the tacos and half-price drinks are an added bonus!"

And if you're not hot for tacos, they also have nachos, also for just \$1.50.

"If the guests prefer to have nachos instead, they can use tortilla chips instead of taco shells to build their own nachos," said Barnes.

Unlike \$1 taco promotions of other establishments on island, Michelle's Bar allows taco lovers to load up on ground beef, cheese, peppers, diced tomatoes, and salsa to their hearts' desire or to limits their taco shells can load, said Neil Metran, Food & Beverage manager.

Customers can also enjoy their choice of discounted drinks, build-your-own tacos, and nachos beside the swimming pool or the beach, which allows for plenty of photos to be shared on social media.

Michelle's Bar Happy Hour Promotions is available from 4:30pm to 7:30pm everyday. Aside from almost all drinks being 50% off during happy hour, Michelle's happy hour beverage specials are 24-oz. Corona and 24-oz. Asahi for \$6.

Aqua Resort strictly doesn't allow outside drinks to be brought in, though, according

to Barnes.

According to its website, Michelle's Bar is the perfect bar for tropical cocktails, with guests treated to a panoramic view of the turquoise blue sea beside a magically illuminated

pool. It can accommodate up to 34 people.

Michelle's Beach Bar is open from 10am to 8pm and offers other delights such as baked brie, deep fried seafood, panini pulled pork, onion

rings, chicken kelaguen wrap, mozzarella cheese sticks, and French Cajun fried.

For more information on Michelle's Bar's Happy Hour Promotions, call Aqua Resort Club at 322-1234.



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Tourists from Korea enjoy the Happy Hour Promotions at Michelle's Bar.



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Michelle's Bar's build-your-own taco station, where each taco is only \$1.50, has been a hit for both tourists and locals alike.

Han wins IT&E Favorite Teacher award

IT&E presented Dayoung Han from Hopwood Middle School with the IT&E Favorite Teacher award.

IT&E held a social media contest to give the community the opportunity to share their appreciation for teachers and reflect on the impact teachers have on the lives and development of our youth.

Han teaches 8th grade science and has been teaching for two years.

"I love meeting students, making small talk and getting to know each of them better."

In addition to the title of Favorite Teacher, she also received a massage for two and a \$100 gift certificate for school supplies.

"I was very surprised when students emailed me to tell me that I won. I'm thankful they thought of me and nominated me," Han said.

The contest was held simultaneously in Guam. Andrea Mayoyo-Buan of Tiyan Middle School won the title of Guam's Favorite Teacher.

"With our Favorite Teacher contest, we wanted to commemorate our islands'



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Hopwood Middle School's Dayoung Han, left, was awarded IT&E Favorite Teacher by IT&E Customer Operations executive director Rob Harrell.

teachers and their dedication to our children, as well as give our community the opportunity to show their appreciation for their teachers. We received thousands of nominations in the CNMI and Guam. We're heartened to see so many students and members of the

community support the educators in our community," said Rose Soledad, general manager of IT&E.

The contest was launched on World Teacher's Day last Oct. 5. The nomination period was held from Oct. 5 to 12. (PR)

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Veterans can get business help from gov't, private sector

NEW YORK (AP)—For many people who leave military service, the next logical step is becoming an entrepreneur. There are federal, state and private sector resources for veterans to help them learn about operating a business, and, when their companies are up and running, get financing help, mentoring and government contracting opportunities. Entrepreneurship is appealing to many veterans; more than 6% of all veterans were self-employed in 2018, and 3% of those who served during or after the first Gulf War in 1990 were self-employed, according to the Labor Department. Many veterans want to start businesses in industries related to their service work, especially those who developed or used technical skills while in the military. The

Small Business Administration's website includes a section with information about entrepreneurship resources for veterans, current service members and spouses; it can be found at www.sba.gov/offices/headquarters/ovbd/resources. The resources include training programs, like Boots to Business, which teaches the basics of running a company to current service members; the courses are given on military installations. A version of the course aimed at veterans, reservists and spouses, Boots to Business/Reboot, is offered for veterans at locations throughout the country. You can learn more at <https://sba-vets.force.com/s/>.

Boeing details steps needed to get grounded Max jet flying

Boeing hopes to resume deliveries of its 737 Max jet to air-

lines in December and win regulatory approval to restart commercial service with the plane in January. Boeing shares rose in midday trading Monday. The company spelled out several steps that it needs to complete before the grounded plane can carry passengers again. Pilot training has emerged as a key issue around the plane's return—and an area where Boeing failed when it introduced the plane in 2017. The timetable that the company laid out Monday would allow it to generate cash by delivering planes even before the Federal Aviation Administration approves new training material for pilots. Boeing said it has demonstrated changes to the plane during sessions with the FAA in a flight simulator. It still must show regulators those changes during one or more certification flights. (AP)

Nation

Mulvaney to file his own impeachment lawsuit, lawyers say

WASHINGTON (AP)—White House acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney plans to file his own lawsuit over testimony in the House impeachment inquiry, withdrawing his bid to join a separate case filed last month by a former Trump adviser, his attorneys said Monday.

The plans were revealed in a court filing in which Mulvaney abandoned his earlier request to become part of a suit by Charles Kupperman, President Donald Trump's former deputy national security adviser.

Lawyers for Mulvaney had asked Friday evening to join that lawsuit, saying his case presented similar legal issues to that of Kupperman. But they switched course following a conference call Monday afternoon in which a federal judge said he was not inclined to grant the request. The lawyers said they instead plan to file their own lawsuit, seeking the court's guidance on whether Mulvaney must follow a subpoena from Congress directing him to testify or an order from the White House that he not appear.

Mulvaney faced opposition from lawyers for both Kupperman and House lawmakers in his bid to join the lawsuit, underscoring the lack of a unified approach from Trump administration officials in responding to the impeachment inquiry, which enters a critical public this week with public hearings. Several officials



White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney announces that the G7 will be held at Trump National Doral, Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019, in Washington.

have already testified behind closed doors in defiance of White House orders, while others have skipped their scheduled appearances.

At issue Monday was whether Mulvaney could join Kupperman's lawsuit, which asks a court to decide on compliance with congressional subpoenas and to resolve conflicting directives from the White House and Congress. Like Kupperman, Mul-

vaney has defied a subpoena from impeachment investigators. His lawyers argued on the conference call that there was "an incredible amount of overlap" in the two cases since both men have been close advisers to the president and in regular contact with him.

"Your Honor, we're talking about the same impeachment inquiry, the same type of subpoena, in connection with the same kind of work at the

White House, as close personal advisers of the President," said Christopher Muha, a lawyer for Mulvaney.

The Associated Press obtained a transcript of the call.

Kupperman's subpoena has since been withdrawn and the impeachment inquiry seems to be moving on without his testimony. On Monday's call, U.S.

District Judge Richard Leon asked Muha what would happen to his case if he determined that Kupperman's lawsuit was moot now that the subpoena has been withdrawn. Muha said, "Our suit would continue, we believe, because we would have a live subpoena."

Cooper also represents former national security adviser

John Bolton, who did not appear for a scheduled interview last week and who has not been subpoenaed by the House. Cooper has previously said that Bolton would not testify without a subpoena. Any House-issued subpoena would put him in the exact same situation as Kupperman.

In a court filing Monday and again on the call, Cooper cited what he said were key distinctions between Mulvaney and Kupperman's situations, including that Mulvaney has already spoken publicly about issues central to the impeachment inquiry. On October 18, Mulvaney acknowledged during a White House briefing that Trump's decision to hold up military aid to Ukraine was linked to his demand that Kyiv conduct politically charged investigations that the president sought. Those comments create a "serious question" as to whether Mulvaney waived the immunity protection by speaking publicly.

"Plaintiff, in contrast, has never publicly disclosed information relating to any of his official duties, including the matters under investigation by the House," Cooper wrote of Kupperman.

House Democrats separately opposed Mulvaney's effort to join the suit. They said Kupperman's case is moot since the subpoena directing him to appear has been withdrawn.

Second trial against activist who helped migrants to begin

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—The federal government will again make a case against an Arizona border activist accused of harboring immigrants who had sneaked across the U.S.-Mexico border but who says he was simply helping two men in need.

Scott Warren, 37, faces two counts of harboring when his trial starts Tuesday, five months after a jury deadlocked on charges against him in a June trial that garnered international attention.

Warren, of Ajo, Arizona, says he has a humanitarian mission to help migrants in need. He's a volunteer with No More Deaths, a group that drops off water in the desert and has a camp where it aids those who are injured.

But prosecutors say Warren conspired to help the men avert authorities and that they were never in distress. They say Warren gave them directions on how to avoid a Border

Patrol checkpoint when they left the No More Deaths camp in Ajo in January 2018.

Warren and his supporters say the government under President Donald Trump has increasingly scrutinized humanitarian groups at the border. Warren is one of nine No More Deaths members who have been charged with crimes related to their work, although he's the only one to face felony charges.

On Oct. 31, prosecutors asked a judge to bar Warren from mentioning President Donald Trump, according to court documents. Prosecutors argued any mention of the president or his administration would be irrelevant and that doing so would pose the danger of unfair prejudice.

Warren's defense attorneys say the government's request would violate their client's rights and that it hasn't shown in what way it would suffer if

the president were mentioned.

The judge overseeing the case has not ruled on that request.

Warren's arrest came months after Border Patrol agents began an investigation into the No More Deaths camp, according to documents released after news organizations sued to get them.

The unsealed documents show that in April 2017, an anonymous Ajo resident contacted Border Patrol saying he suspected members of the group were harboring immigrants in their building, known as "The Barn."

About three months later, federal and local officials detained members for allegedly vandalizing a camera at Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, where they regularly left water jugs. In November, agents interviewed residents who said they had noticed more traffic and littering outside "The Barn."

Winter already? Snow, deep freeze from Rockies to East Coast

CHICAGO (AP)—An arctic air mass that brought snow and ice to an area stretching from the Rocky Mountains to northern New England on Monday was poised to give way to record-breaking cold temperatures.

In mid-Michigan, three people were killed in a two-vehicle crash that the Eaton County sheriff's department attributed to heavy snowfall. And in Kansas, the highway patrol reported that a truck lost control on an icy highway and slammed head-on into another truck, killing an 8-year-old girl in the other vehicle.

In Chicago, where as much as 6 inches (15 centimeters) of snow fell, an Envoy Air flight from Greensboro, North Carolina, slid off an icy runway at O'Hare International Airport as it tried to land at about 7:45 a.m. None of the 38 passengers and three crew members were injured, according to the city's aviation department.

Snowfall totals could reach up to a foot or more in some areas of Indiana, Michigan

and Vermont, according to the National Weather Service. Other places in the path of the air mass saw ice and rain. Denver saw just a few inches of snow but suffered numerous accidents on icy roadways because the snow fell during the morning commute.

More than 950 flights were canceled at Chicago's airports and officials in the area opened warming centers. In Michigan, some schools closed early, as did dozens of schools in the St. Louis area.

The snow and ice was just the first punch from a weather system that pushed frigid air from Siberia across an area stretching from the Rocky Mountains to the East Coast. Temperatures below freezing were forecast as far south as Texas' Gulf Coast.

"This is an air mass that's more typical for the middle of January than mid-November," said National Weather Service meteorologist Kevin Birk. "It is pretty much about the coldest we can be this time of year (and) it could break records all

over the region."

Winter doesn't officially start until December 22 this year.

According to Birk, the lows on Tuesday could drop into the single digits or low teens in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, with highs climbing no further than the low 20s. The forecast high of 21 degrees (-6 Celsius) for Chicago would be a full seven degrees lower than the previous record set for Nov. 12.

In some areas, temperatures plunged quickly. Temperatures in Denver climbed past 70 degrees (21 Celsius) over the weekend only to fall to 14 degrees (-10 Celsius) early Monday.

One area where the low temperatures was particularly concerning was in central Wyoming, where officials were searching for a 16-year-old autistic boy who went missing wearing only his pajamas on Sunday, prompting a search that included certified human trackers, helicopters, dogs, and planes.

Asia

Myanmar accused at UN court of genocide against Rohingya

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Myanmar was accused Monday of genocide at the U.N.'s highest court for its campaign against the country's Rohingya Muslim minority, as lawyers asked the International Court of Justice to urgently order measures "to stop Myanmar's genocidal conduct immediately."

Gambia filed the case on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Gambia's justice minister and attorney general, Abubacarr Marie Tambadou, told The Associated Press he wanted to "send a clear message to Myanmar and to the rest of the international community that the world must not stand by and do nothing in the face of terrible atrocities that are occurring around us. It is a shame for our generation that we do nothing while genocide is unfolding right before our own eyes."



AP
Yasmin Ullah talks to journalists in The Hague, Netherlands, Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, after Gambia filed a case at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, the United Nations' highest court, accusing Myanmar of genocide in its campaign against the Rohingya Muslim minority.

Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda said she wants to investigate crimes of deportation, inhumane acts and persecution allegedly committed as Rohingya were driven from Myanmar, which is not a member of the global court, into Bangladesh, which is.

The International Criminal Court holds individuals responsible for crimes while the International Court of Justice settles disputes between nations. Both courts are based in The Hague.

Last month, Myanmar's U.N. ambassador, Hau Do Suan, called the U.N. fact-finding mission "one-sided" and based on "misleading information and secondary sources." He said Myanmar's government takes accountability seriously and that perpetrators of all human rights violations "causing the large outflow of displaced persons to Bangladesh must be held accountable."

Simon Adams, Executive Director of the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, welcomed the filing.

"The international community failed to prevent a genocide in Myanmar, but it is not too late to hold the State of Myanmar accountable for its crimes," he said.

Police, protesters face off in renewed clashes in HK

HONG KONG (AP)—Police fired tear gas at protesters who littered streets with bricks and disrupted morning trains Tuesday for the second day in a row as Hong Kong's five months of anti-government demonstrations turned increasingly violent.

Protesters and police faced off in and around several university campuses as classes were cancelled. Subways were partially shut down, and passengers on one commuter train disembarked short of the station and were escorted along the tracks in video shown on Hong Kong television.

Recent weeks have been marked by escalating vandalism against shops and train stations and assaults by both protesters and pro-Beijing supporters on the other side.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam, speaking to news media after a weekly meeting with advisers, called the blocking of the morning commute "a very selfish act."

"People from different sectors in society are holding fast to their positions and refusing to concede to violence or other radical actions," she said. "I hereby express my gratitude to those who are still going to work and school today."

On Monday, a police officer drew his gun during a struggle with protesters, shooting one in the abdomen. In another neighborhood, a person was set on fire after

an apparent argument. The Hong Kong hospital authority said both were in critical condition. Video of another incident showed a policeman on a motorcycle riding through a group of protesters in an apparent attempt to disperse them.

Police say those events are being investigated but defend the officers' actions as necessary for their own safety.

Lam pledged Monday to stop the violent protests in comments suggesting harsher legal and police measures could be coming.

"I do not want to go into details, but I just want to make it very clear that we will spare no effort in finding ways and means that could end the violence in Hong Kong as soon as possible," she said.

Lam refused to accept the demands for political concessions. "These rioters' actions have far exceeded their demands, and they are enemies of the people," she said.

One of their demands is for the government to stop labeling the demonstrators as rioters, which connotes that even peaceful protest is a criminal activity. Their other unmet demands are for democratic changes in Hong Kong's government, criminal charges to be dropped against protesters and for police actions against the protesters to be independently investigated.

Myanmar officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Myanmar's military began a harsh counterinsurgency campaign against the Rohingya in August 2017 in response to an insurgent attack. More than 700,000 Rohingya fled to neighboring Bangladesh to escape what has been called an ethnic cleansing campaign involving mass rapes, killings and the torching of homes.

The head of a U.N. fact-finding mission on Myanmar warned last month that "there is a serious risk of genocide recurring."

The mission also said in its final report in September that Myanmar should be held responsible in international legal

forums for alleged genocide against the Rohingya.

The case filed at the International Court of Justice, also known as the world court, alleges that Myanmar's campaign against the Rohingya, which includes "killing, causing serious bodily and mental harm, inflicting conditions that are calculated to bring about physical destruction, imposing measures to prevent births, and forcible transfers, are genocidal in character because they are intended to destroy the Rohingya group in whole or in part."

Tambadou said in a statement: "Gambia is taking this action to seek justice and accountability for the genocide being committed by Myanmar

against the Rohingya, and to uphold and strengthen the global norm against genocide that is binding upon all states."

Param-Preet Singh, associate international justice director at Human Rights Watch, called the case a "game changer" and called on other states to support it.

The world court ordering provisional measures "could help stop the worst ongoing abuses against the Rohingya in Myanmar," she said.

The International Criminal Court's prosecutor also asked judges at that court in July for permission to open a formal investigation into alleged crimes against humanity committed against Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar.

N. Korea assails US, S. Korea and UN nuclear agency

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—North Korea on Monday accused the United States of "political and military provocations" and South Korea of "double-dealing behavior."

North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Kim Song made the accusations in a speech to a General Assembly meeting on the International Atomic Energy Agency, which he accused of "ignorance of the prevailing reality of the Korean peninsula."

Kim said relations between the U.S. and North Korea "have made little progress" since the June 2018 summit between their leaders, "and the situation of the Korean peninsula has not extricated itself from the vicious cycle of aggravated tension."

He said this is "entirely attributable to the political and

military provocations perpetrated by the U.S."

Since the start of nuclear talks last year, the U.S. and South Korea have cancelled or scaled back regular military drills to create space for diplomacy. But North Korea sees any drills as a rehearsal for an invasion.

Nuclear diplomacy has largely remained deadlock since a second summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un failed in February.

In recent months, North Korea has been trying to pressure the United States after demanding that Washington make new proposals to revive nuclear diplomacy by the end of December.

Kim, the North Korean U.N. envoy, told the 193-member General Assembly that since

last year his country has made "proactive efforts in good faith ... to establish a lasting peace regime on the Korean peninsula."

He said North Korea has refrained from testing nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missiles for more than 20 months.

Kim said "the key" to consolidating peace and security is implementation of the joint statement the leaders adopted at last year's Singapore summit.

As for inter-Korean relations, the North Korean envoy said they are now at a "standstill, without even advancing into the main phase of implementation."

He said this is "attributable to the double-dealing behavior of the South Korean authorities," which he described as

appearing to offer peace initiatives while escalating military preparedness.

Acting IAEA Director General Cornel Feruta told the assembly that it has been more than 10 years since the agency's inspectors were ordered to leave North Korea, which is also known by its official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

But he said "the agency continues to monitor the DPRK's nuclear program, including through satellite imagery."

Feruta said North Korea's nuclear activities "remain a cause for serious concern" and clearly violate U.N. Security Council resolutions.

He called on North Korea to comply with its U.N. obligations and "cooperate promptly" with the IAEA.

World

Jordan retakes lands leased by Israel in 1994 peace accord

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—Jordan's king announced Sunday that his country is retaking "full sovereignty" over two pieces of land leased by Israel, reflecting the cool relations between the neighboring countries as they mark the 25th anniversary of their landmark peace deal.

King Abdullah II had said last year that he wouldn't renew the parts of the 1994 treaty that gave Israel a 25-year lease of the two small areas, Baqura and Ghamr. Even amid mistrust and a looming deadline, Israel was hoping a solution could be found.

But in a speech to parliament, the king appeared to put an end to that.

"Today, I announce the expiration of the Peace Treaty annexes on Ghamr and al-Baqura and the imposition of our full sovereignty over every inch of those lands," he said.

The Israeli and Jordanian foreign ministries announced that Israeli farmers would be allowed to harvest this season's crops in Ghamr, known in Hebrew as Tsofar. They also said that Jordan would respect private land ownership rights at Baqura, or Naharayim in Hebrew.

But Jordan's Foreign Ministry said farmers would require a visa and have to enter through the country through official border crossings, instead of the former system in



AP
In this Oct. 21, 2019 file photo, Israelis visit the Naharayim park on Israel-Jordan border.

Jordan after the kingdom gained independence from Britain in 1946.

Baqura, in the northern Jordan Valley, was captured by Israel in 1950 and covers around 200 acres. Ghamr, near the city of Aqaba in southern Jordan, was seized in the 1967 Mideast War and encompasses around 1,000 acres. Neither area is inhabited.

The leases were incorporated into the Oct. 26, 1994, peace deal as symbols of peace and friendship.

Baqura's spot on the Jordan River had made it a popular tourist site for Israelis and included a small park and picnic area as well as an "island of peace" in Jordanian territory that Israelis can visit.

But the site also has a painful history. In 1997, a Jordanian soldier opened fire at an Israeli crowd, killing seven schoolgirls on a class trip.

The late King Hussein visited Israel shortly after the attack to personally apologize to the families of the victims. The king remains a beloved figure in Israel for what was seen as a courageous act.

which they could simply enter the areas freely.

"Israel regrets Jordan's decision to terminate the annexes," the Israeli Foreign Ministry said.

The announcement marked a new blow to relations that, after the treaty, began with great optimism but have steadily deteriorated. Jordan's agreement is only the second peace deal between Israel and an Arab country,

following Egypt.

The accord remains a vital strategic asset for both countries, which maintain tight security cooperation and joint economic projects. But Israel's occupation of the West Bank and its policies in east Jerusalem, where Jordan has custodial rights over Muslim holy sites, have repeatedly raised tensions over the years.

In Jordan, where over half the population are believed

to be Palestinian refugees or their descendants, public opinion has remained largely against normalized relations with Israel.

Just two weeks ago, Jordan recalled its ambassador to Israel in protest against the detention of two Jordanians for suspected security offenses.

They were released last week after being held for two months. They were detained while entering the West Bank from Jordan through an Israeli-controlled crossing.

Baqura and Ghamr were leased to Jewish farmers early last century.

They became part of

Turkey starts returning IS fighters; deports US national

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkey on Monday deported citizens of the United States and Denmark who fought for the Islamic State and made plans to expel other foreign nationals as the government began a new push to send back captured foreign fighters to their home countries, a Turkish official said.

The move comes just over a week after the Turkish interior minister said Turkey was not a "hotel" for IS fighters and criticized Western nations for their reluctance to take back citizens who had joined the ranks of the extremist militant group as it sought to establish a "caliphate" in Iraq and Syria.

Turkish Interior Minister Suleyman Soyly said last week that about 1,200 foreign IS fighters were in Turkish prisons and 287 members, including women and children, were recaptured during Turkey's offensive in Syria.

Several European countries, including Britain, have stripped IS fighters of their nationalities to prevent their return.

A U.S. and a Danish national were deported from Turkey on Monday, while a German national was scheduled to be deported later in the day, Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency quoted Interior Ministry spokesman Ismail Catakli as saying. Seven other German nationals were scheduled to leave the country on Thursday, he said.

Two Irish nationals, two German nationals and 11 French nationals who were captured in Syria were also to be transferred to their home countries soon, Catakli said.

The U.S. did not immediately comment on Ankara's announcement.

Turkey's Sabah newspaper, which is close to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government, reported that the U.S. citizen who had been deported was stuck in a heavily militarized no man's land between the Greece and Turkey borders.

Greek police said in a statement that Turkish authorities had first tried to deport a United States citizen of Arab origin

on Oct. 11 on grounds that he had exceeded his legal stay in Turkey. The man, however, stated that he did not wish to enter Greece and returned to Turkey, accompanied by Turkish police.

On Monday, he returned to the same border station on his own and asked to enter Greece, police said. Greek authorities refused him entry, sending him back to Turkey.

Stavros Tziamalides, an official from the border village of Kastanies, said the border gate was shut on the Greek side and there was a greater presence of Greek police and border guards from the Frontex European border agency.

In Denmark, Justice Minister Nick Hakkerup told Danish broadcaster TV2 that any Danish citizens who fought for IS and are repatriated to the country "must be punished as severely as possible."

Germany said it will not refuse entry to its own citizens, but added that as far as German officials know, the citizen being deported Monday was not involved with IS.

UN reports increasing violations of Iran nuclear deal

VIENNA (AP)—Uranium particles of man-made origin have been discovered at a site in Iran not declared to the United Nations, the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Monday as it confirmed a litany of violations by Tehran of the 2015 nuclear deal.

The International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran has begun enriching uranium at a heavily fortified installation inside a mountain, is increasing its stockpile of processed uranium, and is exceeding the allowable enrichment levels.

All such steps are prohibited under the agreement Iran reached with world powers to prevent it from building a bomb.

Iran maintains its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

But since the U.S. under President Donald Trump pulled out of the pact last year and imposed new sanctions, Iran has been openly stepping up violations in an attempt to pressure the other major signatories—Britain, France, Germany, China and Russia—to help it economically by such means as facilitating the sale of Iranian oil.

The IAEA report came as European Union members met to decide how to keep the deal alive.

"We now need to make it clear to Iran that it can't continue like this," German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told reporters.

Those efforts became more complicated after the IAEA reported that its inspectors confirmed traces of uranium "at a location in Iran not declared to the agency." The assertion appeared to confirm allegations made by the U.S. and Israel of a secret nuclear warehouse.

The IAEA did not identify the site in the confidential quarterly report, which was distributed to member states and seen by The Associated Press.

In its report, the IAEA also confirmed that the centrifuges are at work at Iran's Fordo facility—an underground site ringed by anti-aircraft guns—and that enrichment of uranium has been going on there since Saturday.

The nuclear deal had called for Fordo to become a research center. It is now home to more than 1,000

centrifuges.

In addition, the IAEA said that as of Nov. 3, Iran's stockpile of low-enriched uranium has grown to 372.3 kilograms (820.78 pounds), up from 241.6 kilograms reported on Aug. 19, and past the 202.8-kilogram limit.

Also, the agency said Iran continues to enrich uranium up to 4.5%—above the 3.67% allowed by the nuclear deal, though still far below weapons-grade levels of 90%.

Uranium enriched to 4.5% can be used at Iran's Bush-eir nuclear power plant, where a second reactor is under construction.

The concern is that the more uranium Iran enriches, the shorter will be the "break-out time"—the time it would need to produce enough material for a bomb. Analysts had put that time at a year if Iran abided by the 2015 deal's restrictions.

At talks in Brussels on Monday, EU foreign ministers affirmed their support for the pact. The top diplomats from Britain, France and Germany later met for further discussions in Paris.

Focus

By **MATTHEW BROWN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARPY CREEK, Montana (AP)—When a coal company contractor working under federal oversight used a backhoe to dig up one of the largest known Native American bison killing grounds and make way for mining, investigators concluded the damage on the Crow Indian Reservation broke federal law and would cost \$10 million to repair, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Eight years later, Colorado-based Westmoreland Coal has not made the repairs and is still mining in the area, under an agreement with former Crow leaders that some tribal members said has caused more damage to a site considered hallowed ground.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs issued a civil violation notice in the case last year, according to agency spokeswoman Genevieve Giaccardo. A Westmoreland executive said no penalty was involved. No charges were filed by federal prosecutors who investigated potential criminal violations.

Burton Pretty On Top, a 73-year-old tribal adviser and spiritual leader, and other Crow members said they were frustrated no one had been held accountable for “desecrating” the 2,000-year-old southeastern Montana site. It held countless bison bones and more than 3,300 stone tools and projectile points in an area known as Sarpy Creek.

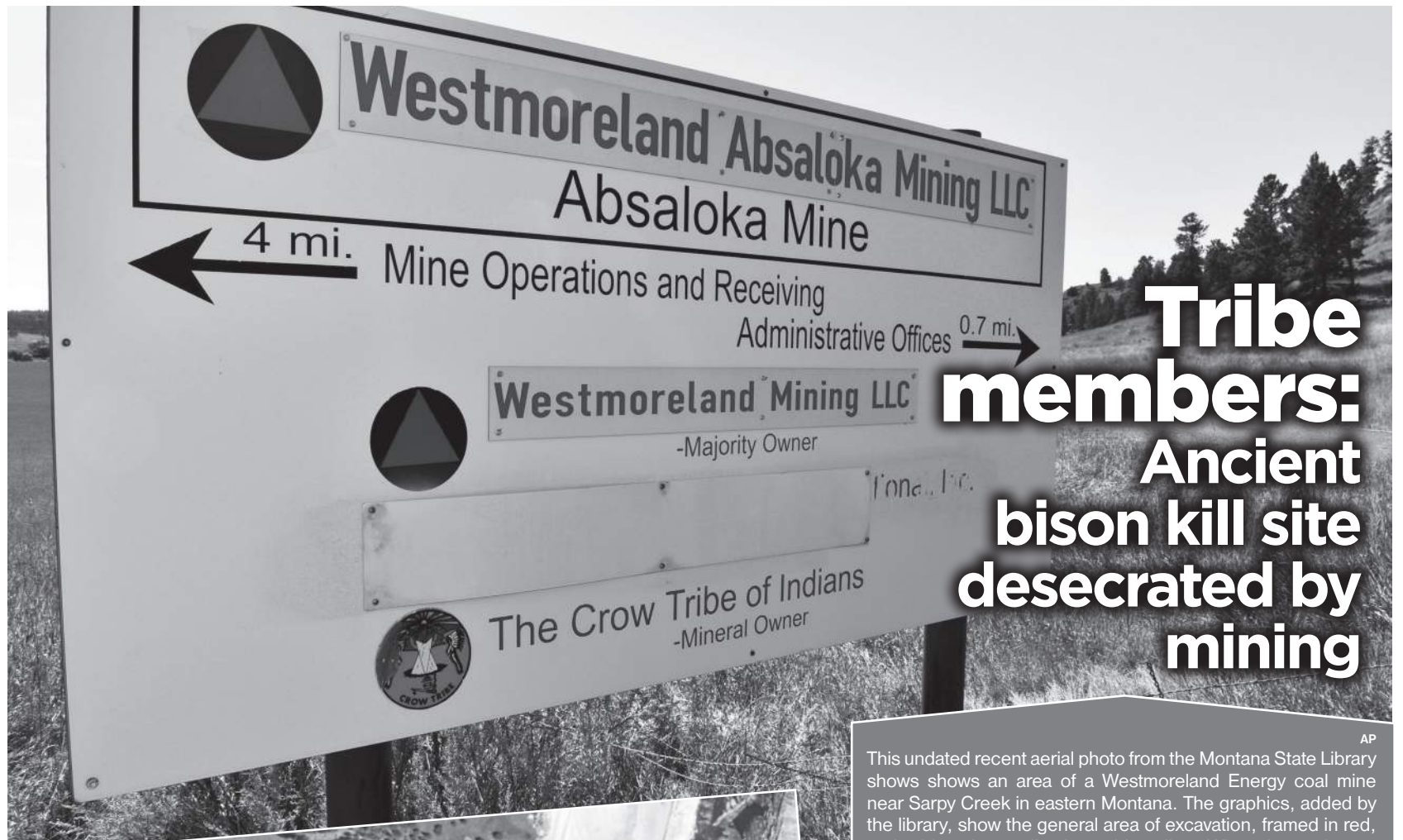
“It was a shrine or temple to us,” Pretty On Top said. “We wanted to preserve the whole area ... No amount of money in the world is enough to replace what has been lost here. The spirituality of our people has been broken.”

The mining company plans to repair the damage but has not reached agreement with the tribe and government on how that should be done, said Westmoreland executive Joe Micheletti.

Crow Chairman Alvin “A.J.” Not Afraid said the tribe, too, bears responsibility, for signing off when Westmoreland first proposed excavating the site a decade ago. The mine generates about \$13 million to \$15 million annually in revenue for the Crow, which makes up the bulk of the tribe’s budget, Not Afraid said.

“How can we hold them accountable when we approved them to do something?” he asked.

The large number of artifacts found suggest various tribes killed bison there for centuries before the Crow arrived—butchering animals for meat and turning the hides into clothing, according to experts who



This Sept. 19, 2019 photo shows an entrance to a Westmoreland Energy coal mine on the Crow Indian Reservation near Sarpy Creek in eastern Montana. When Westmoreland Energy, a coal company, dug up a huge bison killing grounds on the reservation with a backhoe to make way for mining, investigators determined the damage violated federal law and would cost \$10 million to repair, documents show. But nothing happened - no fines, no repairs and no compensation.

examined the site. The number of bison bones found makes it the largest kill site of its time ever discovered, said Lawrence Todd, an archaeologist from Colorado State University who participated in the investigation.

“The magnitude of the destruction done there, from the perspective of the archaeology of the northwest Plains, is probably unprecedented,” Todd said.

Since the investigation, Westmoreland has mined around the killing ground while avoiding the massive “bonebed” of more than 2,000 bison.

Tribal officials and archaeologists said the company compounded the original damage by destroying nearby artifacts including teepee rings and the remnants of a sweat lodge. Pretty On Top said some of the bones excavated in 2011 were piled in a heap,

with grass growing over it, when he recently visited.

The excavation was part of a cultural resources survey required under federal law before the mine could expand onto the reservation. The use of a backhoe instead of hand shovels saved the company money but largely destroyed the site, documents and interviews show.

A Crow cultural official later convicted in a corruption case oversaw the work. At least two Interior Department officials, took part in the decision to use the backhoe, according to the documents obtained by AP and interviews with investigators.

The agency, which must protect the tribe’s interests under federal law, declined to answer questions about its involvement. Giaccardo said the matter was under litigation

but would not provide details. Micheletti and tribal officials said they were unaware of any litigation.

Neither the company nor government would release the violation notice or the company’s repair plan.

“I’m not going to look in the rear-view mirror. We’re trying to go forward,” Micheletti said. “From our point of view, it’s pretty much all said and done and agreed to on what needs to happen there. The ruling basically concluded that there was no penalty... We did nothing wrong.”

Many bones and other artifacts that were excavated were put into off-site storage until a decision is made about what to do with them, he added. There are no plans to pay the tribe compensation.

Former Crow Chairman

Darrin Old Coyote said the company originally planned to mine the entire area and warned the tribe that it would lose revenue if it avoided the killing ground. Old Coyote said that after the 2011 excavation work, his administration insisted on a buffer zone to protect the site from further damage.

Archaeological investigators brought in by federal prosecutors said the bison kill site’s potential scientific value was obvious long before the backhoe was used.

A preliminary survey in 2004 and 2005 revealed artifacts at the site and suggested more might lie beneath the ground. It was enough for it to be considered eligible for a historic designation and meant further damage had to be avoided, minimized or mitigated.

“The real culprits in this in my mind are the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of Surface Mining. They should have said, ‘This site has to be avoided, period,’” said Martin McAllister with Archaeological Damage Investigation and Assessment, an archaeology firm that led the investigation.

In June 2010, after Westmoreland obtained approval from state and federal regulators to mine in the area, representatives of the company, tribe, BIA and Interior’s Office of Surface Mining gathered at the bison killing ground to decide what to do about the site.

To save on the high cost of

excavating by hand—the accepted practice among archaeologists when working on high-value finds—they agreed to use “mass excavation with mechanical equipment,” according to records of the meeting.

The Crow tribal official at that meeting was Dale Old Horn, at the time director of the tribe’s Historic Preservation Office. He was later convicted in a corruption scheme in which preservation office staff who were supposed to be monitoring sites—including the bison killing grounds—took money from both the tribe and the companies they oversaw.

By the time the backhoe work was finished, enough soil, bones, artifacts and other material had been removed to fill more than 300 dump trucks, investigators determined.

Although the preliminary survey work was done under a permit, that permit expired in 2010 and was not renewed. That meant the backhoe excavation violated the federal Archaeological Resource Protection Act, investigators concluded.

In their 2013 damage assessment, they called the loss of archaeological information “incalculable” and said repairing it would cost \$10.4 million.

“The damage that was present when we did the assessment has been amplified by having it just sit there since then—uncovered, unprotected and unanalyzed,” said Todd, the bison bonebed expert.

AP

Good Housekeeping

ON GARDENING:

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Electric blue and neon purple in “The Garden Guy’s” hydrangeas made 2019 an unforgettable year in the garden. These colors came courtesy of Let’s Dance Rave hydrangeas from Proven Winners. We’ve all seen those photos in catalogs and brochures making us wonder if those flowers really will look like that for me, and I can say, yes, they did!

This was the Year of the Hydrangea at The Garden Guy’s house. I planted 25 of them, best I can count, representing three species and seven varieties. They all performed very well, but I want to tout three in particular. Let’s Dance Rave literally stole the show in the garden, which is hard to do when companion plants were Compact Electric Orange SunPatiens. You can immediately gather that this garden was a little on the gaudy side and perhaps perfect for garden party dance.

Let’s Dance Rave will get 36 inches tall and as wide, and it is a rebloomer. I suspect it may get a little taller in the deep South. It is recommended for zones 5-9, and as with other Hydrangea macrophylla varieties the color is really dependent on soil pH. Acidic soil gives intense blues and purple, while alkaline-rich soil will yield vibrant pink shades.

At the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, I had fallen for the Big Daddy hydrangea that is part of the Southern Living Plant Collection. The obvious question is would it perform similarly at my home in West Georgia? I can ecstatically now shout, “Who’s your daddy?” Yes, Big Daddy looks happy at The Garden Guy’s house, but the shocker to me was how much reblooming I got. Now, in early November, my blooms

Hydrangea varieties add long-lasting color to the garden



Let’s Dance Rave hydrangea blooms with be electric blue, neon purple or rich pink depending on soil pH. color is dependent on soil pH. At my house the new blooms are lighter blue, and this shift in color I suspect is coming with age and the cooler 45-degree nights

Chantilly Lace produces both sterile and fertile flowers that attract pollinators like this Eastern Tiger Swallowtail.

Big Daddy hydrangea is part of The Southern Living Plant Collection and produces enormous flowers on plants that will reach 5 to 6 feet tall and as wide.



Sedums



Source: www.bhg.com

Sedums are a perennial, and bloom from spring to fall each year. They are drought-tolerant and don’t need much care. Bees and butterflies love feeding from them. When their foliage dies in winter, it can be cut and used in dried floral arrangements. There are many types of sedum, from ground-cover types to those growing up to 2 feet tall.

– B. Weaver

Life & Style

A Whole New World: Disney streaming debuts with hit brands

By MAE ANDERSON
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Disney will sprinkle its pixie dust on the streaming arena Tuesday, as its Disney Plus service debuts with an arsenal of marquee franchises including Marvel and Star Wars, original series with a built-in fan base and a cheap price to boot.

The \$7-a-month commercial-free service is poised to set the standard for other services like WarnerMedia's HBO Max and NBCUniversal's Peacock to follow, as major media companies behind hit TV shows and movies seek to siphon the subscription revenue now going to Netflix and other streaming giants.

Disney's properties speak to its strengths. Besides classic characters such as Snow White and Pinocchio, Disney has Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars

and National Geographic—big names that most people would recognize. Disney Plus will also have all 30 past seasons of "The Simpsons." Original shows include "The Mandalorian," set in the Star Wars universe, and one on the Marvel character Loki.

Melissa Knerr, 26, a criminal defense attorney in Springfield, Missouri, already has Hulu, Netflix and Amazon Prime and wasn't sure she wanted to pay for another one. She said she was swayed by Disney Plus's price tag and its "sheer amount of content."

"I really love both the Star Wars and Marvel franchises and I grew up watching classic Disney shows and movies so I do think there will be enough content for me," she said.

Marlina Yates, who works in marketing in Kansas City, said she signed up because of her husband's enthusiasm about the Star Wars se-



In this April 3, 2019, file photo characters from Disney and Fox movies are displayed behind Cathleen Taff, president of distribution, franchise management, business and audience insight for Walt Disney Studios during the Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures presentation at CinemaCon 2019, the official convention of the National Association of Theatre Owners at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. **AP**

ries "The Mandalorian" and her daughter's "love affair with princesses and everything Disney."

Disney Plus's \$7 a month price is about half of the \$13 Netflix charges for its most popular plan, and there are discounts for paying for a full year up front. Disney is also offering a \$13 package bundling Disney Plus with two other services it owns, Hulu and ESPN Plus. That's

\$5 cheaper than signing up for each one individually.

Everything won't be available to stream right away, though, as Disney needs to wait for existing deals with rival services to expire. Recent movies missing at launch include the animated Pixar movie "Coco" and the

live-action "Beauty and the Beast." Others like "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" haven't been released for streaming yet. Disney expects 620 movies and 10,000 TV episodes by 2024, up from 500 movies and 7,500 episodes on Tuesday.

Disney has said that it is losing about \$150 million in licensing revenue in the most recent fiscal year from terminating deals with Netflix and other services. But Disney is betting that what it makes through subscriptions will more than make up for that—at least eventually.

Disney is boosting its subscription base initially with heavy promos, much as Apple TV Plus has done and HBO Max and Peacock plan to do. Members of Disney's free D23 fan club were eligible to buy three years of Disney Plus service up front for the price of two years. Customers of some Verizon wireless and home-internet plans can get a year free.

The hope is that subscribers will stick around once they see what the service offers.

What you get for \$7-a-month

NEW YORK (AP)—"The Simpsons," "Cinderella" and several movies from the Star Wars and Marvel universes will share a streaming home Tuesday as Disney Plus debuts.

Subscribers will initially get more than 500 movies and 7,500 TV episodes. That's expected to grow to 620 movies and 10,000 episodes in five years, as existing deals with rival streaming services expire.

The service will cost \$7 a month, or \$70 for the year if paid up front. Four people can stream simultaneously on a single subscription. Disney Plus is also offering downloads for offline viewing on up to 10 devices.

Here's a look at what will be available at launch:

ORIGINALS

"The Mandalorian" Star Wars series, about a bounty hunter from the same planet as Boba Fett. First episode on Tuesday, with a new episode every Friday.

"High School Musical: The Musical: The Series," a mockumentary about a high school musical, with episodes airing weekly.

Live-action version of the Disney animated classic "Lady and the Tramp."

"Noelle," a holiday movie starring Anna Kendrick and Bill Hader.

Documentary series "Encore!" reuniting high school musical casts to perform

their shows again, featuring Kristen Bell.

Documentary series about Disney called "The Imagined Story."

"The World According to Jeff Goldblum," in which the actor tackles different topics like sneakers and tattoos.

"Marvel's Hero Project" a nonfiction series about kids who perform community service.

Pixar animated short film series "Forky Asks a Question," about a character from "Toy Story 4," and SparkShorts, Pixar's animated short film program.

FROM THE VAULT

Disney's movie classics such as "Cinderella," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Pinocchio," "Swiss Family Robinson" and "Fantasia."

PIXAR

The majority of the 21 Pixar movies will be on the service. Disney Plus won't launch with a few, including "Coco," and "Toy Story 4," but all of them should be available within the first year.

FOX

Past 30 seasons of "The Simpsons."

Two X-Men movies, "X-Men: Evolution" and "Wolverine and the X-Men."

Other Fox movies such as "Avatar," "Home Alone" and "Miracle on 34th Street."

MARVEL

Eight movies initially: "Avengers: Endgame," "Avengers: Age of Ultron," "Iron Man," "Iron Man 3," "Captain Marvel," "Thor: The Dark World," "Guardians of the Galaxy" and "Ant-Man"

STAR WARS

The first two trilogies: "The Phantom Menace," "Attack of the Clones," "Revenge of the Sith," "A New Hope," "The Empire Strikes Back," "Return of the Jedi."

Two newer entrants: "The Force Awakens" and "Rogue One."

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

The full library including shows such as "Wild Yellowstone," "Kingdom of the White Wolf" and "Gordon Ramsay: Uncharted."

NOT YET

Some movies and shows will await expiration of existing streaming deals with rivals. The Pixar cartoon "Coco," the live-action "Beauty and the Beast" and the Star Wars movies "The Last Jedi" and "Solo" fall in this category.

Others like "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" and "The Lion King" remake haven't been released for streaming yet. "Maleficent" is still in theaters.

Other original TV shows like Marvel's "Loki" are still in the works.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Eleanor Tenorio Salas

August 08, 1962 - November 06, 2019
Of Talofofo, Guam was called by our Lord to her eternal rest on November 06, 2019.

In her new life she now joins her:
Father: †Jose P. Tenorio
Parents-In-Law: †Tomas & Flora Salas
Grandparents: †Jesus D. & Maria S. Deleon Guerrero
 †Blas & Guadalupe Tenorio
 †Dorothy T. Billy
Sisters-In-Law: †Annie Naputi, †Ursula Lifofoi Aldan

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Husband: John M. Salas
Mother: Amparo Deleon Guerrero Tenorio

Children/Spouse and Grandchildren:
 Jesse & Alana Tenorio and children; Nathan Andrew and children; John Jr. and children; Michelle Flora, children and grandchildren; Joseph Tomas and children; Amparo Victoria and children

Sisters and Brothers/Spouse and their Families:
 Barbara A. Yamada "Bobbie"; Manuela A. & Juan L. Babauta; Marian A. & Richard Pierce; Francisco L.G. Aldan & †Ursula L. Aldan; †Dorothy T. & Billy Billy; Pia DLG. Aldan; Anthony & Lucy D. Tenorio; Messalina "Missy" A. & Ramon A. Tebuteb

Sisters- and Brothers-in-Law/Spouse and their Families:
 Enrique Salas; Margaret Salas; David Salas; Eddie Salas; Elizabeth S. & Frankie Fetalvero; Lilian S. & Frankie Aguon; Thomas & Ramona Salas; Jene S. & Jason Leong

†Eleanor is additionally survived by numerous aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, extended families and friends.

Mass of Intention is being offered at 7 p.m. weekdays (except Thursday); 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9:30 a.m. Sunday at San Miguel Catholic Church in Talofofo. Viewing and last respects may be paid from 9-11:30 a.m. November 15, 2019 at the Talofofo Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 12:00 p.m. Interment services will follow at Our Lady of Peace Memorial Gardens in Winward Hills, Yona.

Thank You - Si Yu us Ma'ase

John Salas, Children, & Family
Amparo Deleon Guerrero Tenorio, Children, & Family



This Oct. 5, 2019 photo shows, from left, director Alma Har'el, actor Lucas Hedges, and actor Shia LaBeouf posing for a portrait to promote their film "Honey Boy" during the London Film Festival.

LaBeouf

thought he was finished, then he wrote 'Honey Boy'

NEW YORK (AP)—While in court-mandated rehab following his viral-videored, racist-ranting 2017 arrest for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct, Shia LaBeouf put his childhood reflections into screenplay format. That's just what he knew. An actor since he was 10, LaBeouf's life had been a series of screenplays. Some better than others. Few as raw and intimate as what he wrote.

It was intended as a therapeutic exercise to trace the roots of LaBeouf's alcoholism (which led to that 2017 incident) and his diagnosed post-traumatic stress disorder. He wrote about himself and his father. He hadn't spoken to him in seven years. His dad, whose name is Jeffrey LaBeouf, had served in Vietnam and been a rodeo clown. While LaBeouf was a fast-rising child actor, he was his son's paid chaperone. He was aggressively supportive, riddled with jealousy and, according to the film, occasionally abusive.

LaBeouf sent his pages to his friend, Israeli-born director Alma Har'el. She at once responded that they had to turn it into a movie.

"I thought she was out of her mind," says LaBeouf. "I didn't think we could get funding. I didn't think anybody was trying to make movies with me anymore. I was going to join the Peace Corps."

Instead, Har'el found the funding and they made "Honey Boy" with an added wrinkle, urged on by Har'el: LaBeouf plays his father. It's the most critically acclaimed

film of LaBeouf's career.

For even an actor known for performance-art stunts (remember the paper bag over his head) and public displays of painful self-examination (LaBeouf once sat for a marathon of all his movies at New York's Angelika Film Center, an experience he compares to flipping through your high school yearbook with strangers), "Honey Boy" is something else.

The film, which Amazon Studios opens in theaters this weekend, is radically autobiographical for such a well-known movie star. As therapy writ large, it's a striking exercise in empathy in which LaBeouf wrestles and ultimately comes to peace with his father. LaBeouf considers it an act of exorcism and liberation.

"There's something freeing about this experience and also going a little bit crazy," says LaBeouf. "Going a little bit crazy, I wish that on everyone. There's something very freeing about going a little bit crazy. Crazy is freedom."

Har'el first met LaBeouf after the actor, while rummaging in the Bob Dylan section of Los Angeles' Amoeba Records, came across her dreamy quasi-documentary portrait of three residents living in a ghost town on the shores of the Salton Sea, "Bombay Beach." LaBeouf executive produced her next film, 2016's "LoveTrue." In those and "Honey Boy," Har'el has made a habit of bending gender and identity, capturing and deconstructing what she calls "the performance of self."

Fox legal analyst Napolitano emerges as Trump critic

NEW YORK (AP)—More than two decades into his career as a commentator at Fox News Channel, Andrew Napolitano reached a milestone of sorts when he was called a "fool" on his own network.

Not to his face, of course. But Tucker Carlson guest Joseph diGenova's dismissal of Na-

politano for saying that soliciting campaign aid from a foreign government is against the law illustrates the awkward place that the former New Jersey Superior Court judge finds himself in at Fox during the Trump era.

Napolitano, who joined Fox News in 1998, has emerged as one of Donald Trump's

bluntest critics on a network where the president expects to hear encouragement.

Napolitano has defended an impeachment inquiry that many Trump supporters call unfair, noting it follows rules written by Republicans. He said the White House counsel's arguments against the process were "profoundly misguided," and described Trump's since-withdrawn proposal to host a summit of world leaders at his Miami resort as a constitutional violation "about as direct and profound ... as one could create." He has questioned how seriously Trump takes his oath of office, and said he governs like a mafia don.

The commentator's assertion that Robert Mueller had found 10 instances of obstruction of justice that could have resulted in



Napolitano

a criminal indictment if Trump hadn't been president earned him an angry tweet from the White House.

"He's beginning to sound like Judge Shepard Smith," said Tim Graham, director of media analysis at the conservative Me-

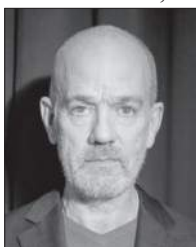
dia Research Center. It was Smith, the since-departed Fox News anchor who occasionally fact-checked claims by Fox opinion hosts, who came to Napolitano's defense after diGenova's remark on Sept. 24. Smith called the attack repugnant.

"It just sort of rolls off my back," Napolitano said in an interview. "I realize that when you're in this business—and I'm on the opinion side, not the news side—that it's going to ruffle some feathers. I never take it personally."

Something old, something new for Michael Stipe

By DAVID BAUDER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—After Michael Stipe opens a gate to the abandoned Manhattan storefront that serves as his studio, you find a man easily traversing his past, present and future creative lives.



Stipe

He's promoting a 25th anniversary package of the R.E.M. album "Monster" while excited by the response to the first single he's released since the band's 2011 retirement. Surrounding him are examples of the photography and visual art that has occupied much of his time since then.

He made the single, "Your Capricious Soul," available first on his website last month with proceeds going to the environmental group Extinction Rebellion. He held it back from streaming services for a month, a quiet protest against monopolistic behavior, but it's there now.

The song's throbbing electronic pulse and percussion mark a clean musical break from the guitar-based rock of R.E.M.

Stipe would generally write lyrics to R.E.M. songs with

music composed by bandmates Peter Buck, Mike Mills and, until he left the band in 1997, Bill Berry. With "Your Capricious Soul," it was all on him.

"It's terrifying," he said. "That's why I'm doing it."

Pleased by the reaction, Stipe said he expects more new music soon. He has no record company, so he's free to release it whenever and however he wants.

"It sounds great," said Rita Houston, program director at WFUV-FM in New York. "It sounds fantastic to hear Michael's voice on the radio in this new incarnation. The song sounds nothing like an R.E.M. song, but it sounds completely like Michael Stipe. It's very 2019."

Now 59, Stipe easily rewinds the clock to 1994 when R.E.M. was at the height of its popularity. After two relatively quiet and commercial records, "Out of Time" and "Automatic for the People," R.E.M. wanted to crank the volume with songs that would contrast on a concert stage to hits like "Man on the Moon." They were touring for the first time in five years, with millions of new fans.

Kanye West vows to move Yeezy manufacturing to the Americas

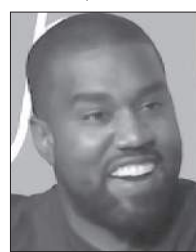
NEW YORK (AP)—A few fun facts about Kanye West: He's running for president in 2024, he recited color psychology to wife Kim Kardashian West as she sat in a morning bath Thursday, and he was fired at 16 for shoplifting at the Gap where he worked.

West, with Kim in tow, let loose with those pearls and more during a surprise 35-minute appearance before a crowd of about 500 at Fast Company's Innovation Festival.

Accompanied on stage by Steven Smith, lead designer of West's shoe brand Yeezy, West dug into the nuts and bolts of the fashion industry.

He said he plans to make his manufacturing entirely eco-friendly, moving it all to South and North America in the next two years, including at his 4,000-acre ranch in Cody, Wyoming.

The rapper also joined his wife, Rihanna and other celebrities in calling on Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to free death row inmate Rodney Reed, based on new evidence that includes the affidavit of a fellow inmate implicating another man. Reed is scheduled for execution Nov. 20 in the abduction,



West

rape and strangling of 19-year-old Stacey Stites in 1996.

When it comes to big ideas, West called Yeezy the "Apple of apparel," and he revisited his call for African Americans to not flock to the Democratic Party as a voting bloc and to reject the notion that they're an en masse consumer demographic.

West also broke down exactly what happened with those dome homes he was building on his sprawling property in Los Angeles, complaining that authori-

ties went to the media to "let everyone know that you were tearing down Kanye's domes" because one was 10 feet higher than codes allowed.

In conversation with Fast Company senior writer Mark Wilson, West referenced everybody from filmmaker Wes Anderson to Leonardo Da Vinci to Jesus Christ, but the focus was mostly on fashion.

He said he plans to move the industry forward on sustainability, starting with hydroponic, cotton, wheat and hemp farming in Cody, along with searching for ways to make the dyeing process less harmful to the environment.

Rapper T.I. faces major backlash for 'hymen' comments

NEW YORK (AP)—Planned Parenthood and others on social media blasted T.I. after the rapper said he goes to the gynecologist with his daughter every year to make sure her hymen is “still intact.”

In an episode of the “Ladies Like Us” podcast that debuted this week, T.I. said that he takes “yearly trips to the gynecologist” with his now 18-year-old daughter. Social

media blew up afterward, with people strongly lashing out at T.I.

Planned Parenthood posted a series of clapback tweets Wednesday, starting with: “Idk who needs to hear this but virginity is a made-up social construct, and it has absolutely nothing to do with



T.I.

your hymen.”

“And many other activities besides sex can stretch your hymen—like riding a bike (or) doing sports,” the nonprofit also tweeted.

The nearly hour-long episode was later removed from many popular podcast platforms like Apple, though the

episode was still listenable after a Google search. T.I., 39, made the comments when the hosts asked if he had the “sex talk” with his children.

“Not only have we had the conversation. We have yearly trips to the gynecologist to check her hymen,” he said.

One of the hosts replied: “Do you go with her?”

“Yes, I go with her,” T.I. said.

A representative for the Grammy-winning rapper and entrepreneur didn't reply to an email from The Associated Press seeking comment.

The “Ladies Like Us” hosts Nadia Moham and Nazanin Mandi (who is married to R&B singer Miguel) apologized on Instagram for the episode on Thursday.

“We want to start off by saying that we sincerely apologize for our knee jerk reaction

to the uncomfortable topic. We were completely caught off guard/shocked and looking back, we should have reacted much differently in the moment,” the statement from the hosts read. “We support and love Women and feel that their bodies are theirs to do as they wish. ... We are not perfect, take full accountability of our lack of action & are continuously learning along the way.”

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He said, she said: Will female acts win big at CMA Awards?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The lack of women on country radio is as tired as a bad country song cliché, but the Country Music Association Awards is trying to set the stage for them to reign, both as the hosts, as performers and perhaps the night's biggest winners. All eyes are on the top prize, entertainer of the year, which hasn't been won by a woman since Taylor Swift in 2011. Carrie Underwood is vying for entertainer of the year, while Maren Morris is the leading nominee. Performers include Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire, Eric Church, Luke Combs, Keith Urban, Garth Brooks and Blake Shelton. The show will air live Wednesday on ABC from the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee.

Streep, Miranda and Stone are named as Met Gala co-chairs

NEW YORK (AP) — Next year's Met Gala may be the closest we'll ever come to getting a Miranda Priestly moment at the starry event. Meryl Streep has been named as a co-chair of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute. The Oscar-winner played Priestly, a thinly veiled fictional version of Vogue editor Anna Wintour, in the movie “The Devil Wears Prada.” Wintour

clearly has no hard feelings because she selected Streep as a co-chair along with Lin-Manuel Miranda and fellow Oscar-winner Emma Stone. Designer Nicolas Ghesquiere rounds out the group. The gala's theme is “About Time: Fashion and Duration,” which the museum described as a meditation on the ephemeral nature of fashion. It takes place on May 4, and will launch the spring exhibit. The show is curated, as always, by Andrew Bolton.

More celebs join Michelle Obama's voter outreach drive

NEW YORK (AP) — Election Day is over, but Michelle Obama is still trying to get out the vote. The former first lady announced that Selena Gomez, Liza Koshy, Shonda Rhimes, Megan Rapinoe, Tracee Ellis Ross and Kerry Washington have signed on as co-chairs of the national organization When We All Vote. Obama is already a co-chair, along with Lin-Manuel Miranda, Faith Hill, Tom Hanks and wife Rita Wilson, and basketball star Chris Paul. When We Vote, a nonprofit, describes itself as a nonpartisan group dedicated to increasing voter participation. The announcement Thursday marks a year until the 2020 elections, which includes the presidential race. The organization was founded in 2018.

Lincoln Center in New York City to honor Spike Lee in April

NEW YORK (AP) — Spike Lee will receive Film at Lincoln Center's 46th Chaplin Award. Lincoln Center announced Thursday that the 62-year-old filmmaker will be honored in its annual fundraising gala on April 27. For its 50th anniversary last year, Lincoln Center skipped a Chaplin Award honoree and instead hosted a special gala that featured Martin Scorsese, Pedro Almodovar, Tilda Swinton and others. The four previous Chaplin Award winners were Helen Mirren, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Robert Redford. A selected retrospective of Lee's films will also play alongside the event. Lee's last film, “BlacKkKlansman” was nominated for six Oscars including best picture.

Halperin's 'How to Beat Trump' sells 502 copies in 1st week

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Halperin's first book since his career was upended by allegations of sexual harassment is clearly no “Game Change.” “How to Beat Trump” sold just 502 copies in its first week. The numbers were reported Wednesday by NPD BookScan, which tracks around 85% of print sales. Published Oct. 29 by Regan Arts, “How to Beat Trump” compiles comments from such

Democratic strategists as Donna Brazile, David Axelrod and James Carville. News of the book came out in August and was met with widespread criticism, with the major networks saying they would not interview Halperin and even some of the book's contributors distancing themselves. Halperin was once a top political commentator who teamed with John Heilemann on the million-selling “Game Change,” an inside account of the 2008 presidential election.

Tribute to late singer David Cassidy planned in Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—Two years after the death of former teen idol David Cassidy, the new owners of his Fort Lauderdale home plan to post a plaque honoring him. Thomas L. White, who co-owns the home known as Casa de Mayan, says the tribute is meant to recognize Cassidy's achievements as a singer, actor and horse racing enthusiast. White tells the South Florida SunSentinel he knows Cassidy still has millions of fans because he hears from them all the time. The plaque will be unveiled Nov. 21, the anniversary of Cassidy's death from liver and kidney failure. It will be placed on the exterior wall and open to public viewing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day. Cassidy rose to fame as the star of “The Partridge Family” in the 1970s.

Pete Doherty arrested again in Paris, for violent behavior

PARIS (AP)—Paris authorities say British singer Pete Doherty has been arrested for the second time in the space of a week.

The Paris prosecutor's office said Monday the 40-year-old former Libertines and Babyshambles frontman was placed in custody Sunday for “violence by a person in a manifest state of intoxication.” It was just one day after he was released from custody. He



Doherty

had been detained in the night of Thursday-Friday over a foiled cocaine purchase.

The prosecutor's office couldn't confirm French media reports that the latest trouble involved Doherty punching at a teenager in the chic Saint-Germain area of Paris.

Since rising to fame in the noughties, Doherty, the ex-boyfriend of model Kate Moss, has been repeatedly arrested for drug offenses.

Woman fired over access to leaked tape of ABC's Amy Robach

NEW YORK (AP)—A CBS News employee has lost her job following reports that she may have been involved in the leak of video that showed ABC's Amy Robach complaining that her bosses didn't run a story about a Jeffrey Epstein accuser.



Robach

A network executive, speaking Thursday on condition of anonymity because it was a personnel issue, said the woman is no longer employed at CBS News. The network declined comment.

The person had recently left

a job at ABC.

A person at ABC familiar with the matter who also spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason said ABC News informed CBS that the woman had access to the tape. It's not clear if the woman

leaked the tape to the conservative website Project Veritas or to someone else who may have done so. Project Veritas has not identified its source.

Robach's comments raised questions about ABC's commitment to airing a tough story about sexual misconduct.

Girls get early training in art of writing thank-you notes

DEAR ABBY: I have my granddaughters write thank-you notes to everyone who gave them presents for Christmas, birthdays and special events. They are 7 and 8 years old now. They have fun drawing pictures and mailing the letters, and the recipients enjoy receiving their notes. I would like to order your Letters Booklet because it contains samples of many other types of correspondence.

LINDA IN CENTERVILLE, TEXAS

DEAR LINDA: You are giving your granddaughters an early lesson in good manners, and your idea of having them draw pictures on their thank-you notes is clever. Because most children like to draw, some parents have their children do this before they learn to write.

As your granddaughters grow older, suggest that they keep a notebook handy when they open their gifts and jot down the first thing that comes to mind when they see the gift. Do they like the color? The style? Is it something they have been wanting? Write it down and use it for inspiration.

My booklet is helpful for people of all ages who put off writing because they don't know what to say. It can be

ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Inside you will find many samples that can be used as patterns from which to write your own. For anyone who has ever wondered where to begin when writing a note of thanks, congratulations, condolences, composing a love letter or the opposite—announcing a broken engagement or a decision to divorce—“How to Write Letters” is a handy guide for putting words down on paper.

DEAR ABBY: A close friend of mine recently confided that at a recent office happy hour, after most of her co-workers went home, she made out with a married manager. After that, they went to another bar, after which he eventually paid a \$200 taxi ride for her to go to her parents' house where she was spending the weekend. Now they text after work hours (presumably while he is home with his wife and kids), and he has invited her out to lunch and drinks, which she has rebuffed.

I asked her what their goal was for this “relationship”—do

DEAR ABBY

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they want an affair? Something more? She says they are just friends, and she's mad at me for even questioning it. She just broke up with her longtime boyfriend, and I don't want her to get hurt by getting involved with this man from her office. Any advice?

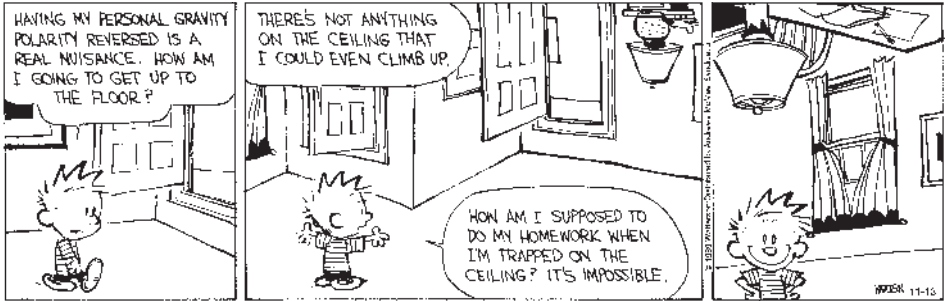
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DEAR WORRIED FRIEND: You asked your friend an intelligent question. Now it's time to step back out of the line of fire. This will not end well, and somebody is going to be unhappy as this unfolds. Do not let it be you.

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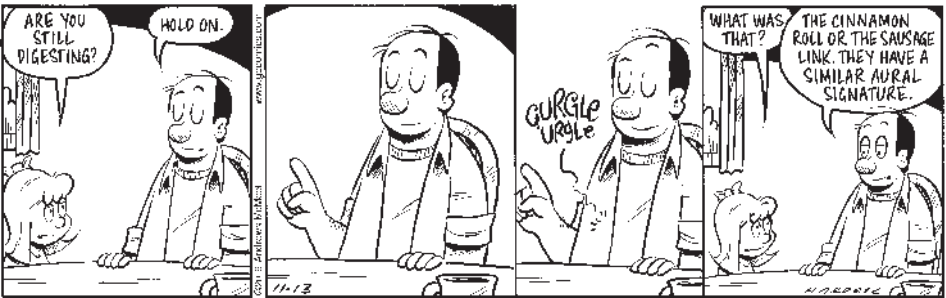
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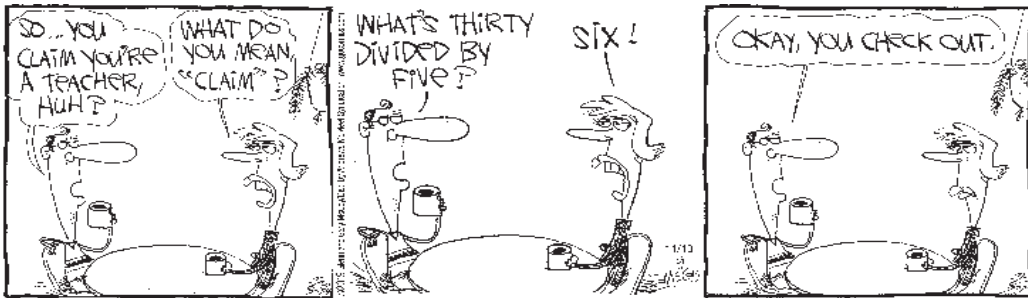
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Happy Birthday: It's up to you to make things happen. If you feel passionate about something/someone, take action. Look for unique ways to express your feelings and to make your relationships stronger and more vibrant. Live life your way, stop worrying about how others perceive you. Turn this year to a new beginning that stimulates personal contentment. Your numbers are 7, 13, 19, 21, 30, 38, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your energy where it counts. Pursuing personal improvements, traveling and spending time with someone you love will round out your day. What you accomplish will encourage a positive lifestyle change. Romance is in the stars. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Embrace knowledge, traveling and positive relationships. Look to those who offer legitimate input and listen to what you have to contribute. Much can be accomplished if you work in unison with like-minded people instead of wasting time supporting a narcissist. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put your energy where it counts -- personal gains, better relationships and spending more time living a healthy lifestyle. Don't let someone with fewer scruples lead you astray or take advantage of you. Take an aggressive role in maintaining equality and balance. ***

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you are and what you accomplish. Share your ideas, and you'll form an alliance with someone noteworthy. Look at the big picture, and do your part. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sit tight until you see a legitimate reason to make a move. Incorporate change to acquire stability, not because you are bored. If you feel anxious, implement a personal adjustment that will ease stress and improve your health. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Visit a place or someone who inspires you. Initiate a plan that enhances your life and your relationships. An honest assessment will help you cut out anyone and anything that isn't advantageous, leaving more time for what and who is beneficial. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Investments should be scrutinized. Buy only what's necessary. Consider the consequence of making a change to the way you do things or how you live. It's a waste of time and cash changing something that doesn't need to be replaced. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Say what's on your mind to bring about change. Do things your way, and refuse to let anyone meddle in your affairs. Taking control will make you feel less anxious. A personal relationship will improve if you have a heart-to-heart discussion. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Think matters through. Be reasonable, and do things according to the rules. Don't let someone talk you into something that sounds too good to be true. Get the nitty-gritty before you sign up for something that benefits someone other than yourself. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A domestic change will encourage you to spend more time at home. Comfort and convenience should be your goals, and doing more with the ones you love will be your reward. Your dedication and loyalty will set an example for those you encounter. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think less and do more. Take action, and be proud of what you accomplish. The proof is in the results you get and the difference you make. Changes at home will ease stress and encourage new beginnings. Romance is favored. *****

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Yanks plan to have talks with Strasburg, Cole

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.
(AP)—After

falling short of reaching the World Series for the 10th straight year, the New York Yankees intend to have conversations with top free agent pitchers Gerrit Cole and Stephen Strasburg.

"It's a good time to be them," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Monday as the general managers meeting began. "Certainly we'll have conversations from our perspective. And they'll either lead to further ones or lesser ones."

During a moonlit availability in a courtyard surrounded by palm trees, Cashman confirmed changes in the team's staff, led by Matt Blake replacing Larry Rothschild as pitching coach. He said New York has had conversations with the agents for several of its players who became free agents, including outfielder Brett Gardner, shortstop Didi Gregorius and reliever Dellin Betances.

Starting pitching is the Yankees' biggest need following their loss to Houston in a six-game AL Championship Series. Manager Aaron Boone's rotation could use a premier arm to join a group that includes Luis Severino, James Paxton, Masahiro Tanaka and J.A. Happ.

Domingo Germán is being investigated by Major League Baseball under its domestic violence policy, which caused him to miss the postseason and could lead to a suspension at the start of next season. Cashman said possibilities to consider are Jordan Montgomery, who has completed his recovery from Tommy John surgery, and prospects Deivi García and Michael King.

A core group that includes right fielder Aaron Judge, catcher Gary Sánchez, infielder



Gleyber Torres and left fielder Giancarlo Stanton could attract free agent pitchers.

"We have a lot of talent that's hungry and looking to take another step or two,"

Cashman said. "Aaron Boone in his end-of-season press conference described it probably perfectly. We weren't a player or two away, we were a play or two away from playing

in the World Series."

Yankees starting pitchers had a 4.51 ERA, 15th among the 30 teams. The 4.08 for New York relievers was ninth.

Top pitchers like Strasburg,

Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws during the first inning of Game 6 of the World Series against the Houston Astros Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, in Houston.

Cole and Zack Wheeler are obvious targets.

"Of course, we're going talk Strasburg. We'll talk to Cole. We'll talk to the higher-end guys clearly and have conversations there," Cashman said. "And we'll also talk about some surprise guys, I'm sure."

Strasburg helped Washington win its first World Series title and Cole boosted Houston within a victory of its second championship in three seasons. An innings-eating ace could ease the burden on the bullpen—New York's starters combined for 778 1/3 innings, ahead of only Seattle, Toronto, Tampa Bay and the Los Angeles Angels.

"It's not something we're not interested in. It's just something that's been hard to get ahold of," Cashman said.

Cashman's first offseason move was to entice closer Arodis Chapman to stay rather than opt out by amending his contract to a \$48 million, three-year deal from an agreement that had \$30 million and two seasons left. Cashman has had several discussions with Joe Bick, the agent for Gardner, a 36-year-old who is the longest-tenured Yankees player at 12 seasons. Gardner hit .251 and set career bests with 28 homers and 74 RBIs. With Aaron Hicks sidelined at the start of next season following Tommy John surgery, keeping Gardner would appear to be appetizing.

"We've had a longstanding, very successful relationship," Cashman said. "And obviously we'll see if that can con-

tinue or not."

Cashman also has talked with Jim Murray, the agent for Gregorius and Betances. They may or may not fit into a payroll already with the current roster projected to be about \$212 million for purposes of the luxury tax, above the \$208 million threshold.

"We have plan B's and Plan C's," Cashman said.

Meanwhile, Blake agreed to join the Yankees even though he was promoted by Cleveland to director of pitching development on Nov. 5 after three seasons as assistant director of player development. Rothschild, who had been with the Yankees for eight seasons, will become San Diego's pitching coach.

"I'm charged with making tough decisions over time and, obviously, as we move forward I felt I wanted to gravitate to somebody that had a little bit more in-depth knowledge of some of the newer technology out there," Cashman said. "It doesn't mean Larry hasn't been exposed to it. So it's a balance."

Cashman said bench coach Josh Bard had left to find a job closer to home in Colorado. Carlos Mendoza is shifting to bench coach from infield instructor and major league quality control coach, and Tanner Swanson was leaving his job as Minnesota's minor league catching coordinator to become the Yankees' head of organizational catching and replace Mendoza as big league quality control coach.

In other developments, Cashman said right-hander Masahiro Tanaka's surgery on Oct. 23 to remove bone spurs "was routine and one that he's had in the past" and added "he was expected to be ready to go by spring training. I'm sure we'll be careful on the front end.

NEW YORK (AP)—Young sluggers known for their prodigious power, Pete Alonso and Yordan Alvarez knocked the Rookie of the Year voting out of the park.

In a rarity for the major league home run leader, Alonso didn't land the biggest blow.

Alonso, a star first baseman with the New York Mets, got 29 of 30 first-place votes for NL Rookie of the Year. Braves right-hander Mike Soroka got the other first-place vote and finished second in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America revealed Monday night.

"To just win the award, doesn't matter if it's unanimous or not," Alonso said. "It's still such a blessing."

Alvarez, a hulking designated hitter from the Houston Astros, earned all 30

Mets' Alonso, Astros' Alvarez named Rookies of the Year

first-place votes to become the 24th unanimous selection since the award was introduced in 1949.

"I was really not expecting it," Alvarez said through a translator.

The 24-year-old Alonso led the majors with 53 homers, one better than Yankees slugger Aaron Judge's rookie record from 2017. "Polar Bear" Pete became the face of baseball in Flushing, beloved for his power, personality and philanthropy. He's the sixth Met to win the award and first since teammate Jacob deGrom in 2014.

Padres shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. was third in NL balloting. The only voter to place Soroka ahead of Alonso was

Andrew Baggarly of The Athletic. Alonso was the only NL player named on every ballot.

Alvarez, a 22-year-old from Cuba, played 87 games after debuting in June, fewest by any position player to win AL Rookie of the Year. He hit 27 homers, batted .313, drove in 78 and had a 1.067 OPS for the pennant-winning Astros. He struggled at times in the postseason, but that was after voting had concluded.

"My whole family was telling me I would be the winner of the award," Alvarez said. "And once I was selected as the winner, I was very excited."

He's the third Houston player to win, following teammate Carlos Correa in 2015 and Hall of Famer Jeff

Bagwell in 1991.

Alvarez easily beat out the other AL finalists, with Orioles left-hander John Means second and Rays infielder Brandon Lowe third.

The Mets agitated their fans by stashing Alonso at Triple-A through the end of the 2018 season, citing his inadequate defense at first base. He went to spring training this year battling with buddy Dominic Smith for the starting job, and Alonso wasn't even certain to crack the opening-day roster until being declared New York's primary first baseman a day before the regular season.

Alonso said he was challenged by first-year general manager Brodie Van Wagenen to "show up in shape

and earn your spot."

"I felt like I answered the bell," Alonso said.

The former Florida Gator became an instant star in the Mets' blue and orange. Wielding his hefty 34-inch, 32-ounce birch bat, Alonso hit .292 with nine homers, 26 RBIs and a 1.024 OPS over March and April, claiming the first of three NL Rookie of the Month honors. He put on a power-packed show while winning the All-Star Home Run Derby, and then cemented his fan-favorite status by donating \$100,000 of his \$1 million derby prize to charities supporting injured soldiers and 9/11 workers.

"Pete kept the same attitude that he came in spring training

with through the entire season," Van Wagenen said. "He was a good teammate. He was a true professional. And obviously, he was a lightning in a bottle for all Mets fans."

Alonso wore a hat reading "100%" on the broadcast while being named the NL winner, but his vote total didn't match. The upbeat slugger was all smiles as usual—just like when teammates ripped off his jersey following a game-ending walk in September.

"I'm not taking my shirt off for this one," Alonso joked.

With a left-handed swing reminiscent of long-legged Hall of Famer Willie McCovey—another unanimous Rookie of the Year pick—Alvarez immediately entrenched himself in the middle of Houston's batting order.

Seahawks hand 49ers first loss in OT thriller



SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—Jason Myers kicked a 42-yard field goal after Chase McLaughlin missed a kick earlier in overtime, and the Seattle Seahawks handed the San Francisco 49ers their first loss of the season with a 27-24 victory on Monday night.

Myers gave Seattle (8-2) its second straight overtime win after Russell Wilson got the Seahawks into position with an 18-yard scramble on third-and-3. After being iced by a timeout, Myers delivered one week after missing two field goals and an extra point, putting Seattle right in the thick of the NFC West race with San Francisco (8-1).

The Seahawks blew a chance to win the game on the opening possession of overtime when Wilson was intercepted at the 4 by Dre Greenlaw. It was Wilson's second interception of the season and just the second red-zone interception in overtime in the last 25 years, according to STATS, with Jacoby Brissett having the other in 2017 against San Francisco.

Greenlaw returned it 47 yards to the Seattle 49 and the Niners moved the ball 20 yards before McLaughlin missed badly to the left on a 47-yard attempt. McLaughlin had made his first three field goals after being signed earlier in the week when Robbie Gould went down with a quadriceps injury.

The teams then traded punts, the Seahawks took over at their 36 with 1:25 remaining and drove for the winning score.

After the defenses dominated much of the game with each team scoring a defensive touchdown and generating three takeaways apiece, the quarterbacks traded late drives for field goals that set the stage for overtime.

Wilson drove the Seahawks 47 yards before Chris Carson was stuffed on third-and-1, leading to a 46-yard field goal by Myers with 1:45 to play.

Jimmy Garoppolo and the Niners took over from there and used short passes to move the ball down to the 29 where McLaughlin kicked a 47-yard field goal with 1 second left to tie it at 24.

Seattle capitalized on a pair of turnovers in the third quarter to take a 21-10 lead. Garoppolo threw a pass that deflected off Kendrick Bourne's hands to Quandre Diggs, who returned it 44 yards to the 16. Wilson scrambled down to the 3 and then lofted a TD pass to Jacob Hollister after avoiding pressure in the pocket to put Seattle up 14-10.

On San Francisco's next drive, Jadeveon Clowney



AP
Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) scrambles away from San Francisco 49ers defenders during overtime of an NFL game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

beat Mike McGlinchey and knocked the ball out of Garoppolo's hands for a fumble that was recovered by Poona Ford at the 24. Carson ran it in four plays later to make it an 11-point game.

The 49ers got back into the game with a big defensive play of their own. K'Waun Williams sacked Wilson, knocking the ball loose to right tackle Germain Ifedi. Ifedi tried to run with the ball but Fred Warner knocked it loose again and DeForest Buckner ran it in 12 yards for the score. Garoppolo then completed the 2-point conversion to Bourne, cutting the deficit to 21-18.

The 49ers then tied it on McLaughlin's second field goal of the game.

The Niners scored on their first two possessions to take a 10-0 lead but Clowney then returned a fumble by Garoppolo 10 yards for a TD to get Seattle back into the game.

The Seahawks were poised to take the lead into halftime when D.K. Metcalf took a short pass from Wilson and ran it inside the 5. But as he was fighting for more yardage, safety Jaquiski Tartt ripped it out of his hands at the 2-yard line for an impressive fumble recovery.

Meanwhile, Diggs started in his first game for Seattle since being acquired last month in a trade from Detroit.

Receiver Josh Gordon also made his Seahawks debut after being claimed off waivers last week from New England. He caught a 13-yard pass to convert a third down on the late field-goal drive in the fourth quarter and another to convert a third down in overtime.

Probe on Lions over injury report

It came as a surprise to many when Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford was declared out for the team's game against the Chicago

Bears on Sunday.

Stafford had been limited in practice in the days leading up to Sunday and had been listed as questionable on the final injury report; by definition, questionable means a player has a

50-50 chance of suiting up.

A league source said Monday afternoon that the NFL is investigating whether the Lions violated league protocol by using the questionable designation.

Birkett reported that head coach Matt Patricia, general manager Bob Quinn and players offered differing timelines of when they learned Stafford wouldn't be playing against the Bears.

Zverev beats error-prone Nadal

LONDON (AP)—After being thoroughly outplayed by defending champion Alexander Zverev at the ATP Finals, Rafael Nadal refused to make any excuses.

The top-ranked Spaniard wouldn't blame the abdominal problem that forced him to pull out of the Paris Masters semifinals just nine days earlier, or a hand injury that kept him sidelined before that. And he bristled at the notion that his recent marriage could be a factor in a sub-par performance.

Something was clearly off for Nadal, though, who lost 6-2, 6-4 to a player he had a perfect 5-0 record against before Monday's match at the O2 Arena.

Nadal dropped his serve three straight times, didn't force a single break point, and his normally powerful forehand was responsible for more than four times as many unforced errors (13) as winners (3).

Still, Nadal insisted there was nothing wrong with him physically.

"I did not feel pain in the abdominal at all," he said. "So the physical issue was not an excuse at all. The only excuse is I was not good enough tonight."

Nadal hasn't finished a

tournament since winning the U.S. Open in August, also pulling out of Shanghai because of a hand injury. That lack of playing time certainly isn't helpful coming into an event featuring only the top eight players in the world, rather than lower-ranked early opponents.

He still has to face Stefanos Tsitsipas and Daniil Medvedev in round-robin play, and probably has to beat both in order to reach the semifinals.

"Knowing that I would not be at my 100% in terms of feelings, in terms of movement, in terms of confidence or hitting the ball, I needed my best competitive spirit this afternoon, and I was not there in that way," Nadal said. "I need to play much better in two days."

The Spaniard then got a bit testy when a journalist asked whether his October marriage to longtime girlfriend Maria Francisca Perello has changed his outlook on the game at all.

"Honestly, are you asking me this? Is that a serious question or a joke?" Nadal bristled. "It is a big surprise for me (that) you ask me this after I have been with the same girl for 15 years and having a

very stable and normal life. Doesn't matter if you put a ring on your finger or not."

For Zverev, this latest win means he has beaten each of tennis' Big Three in his last three matches at the O2.

The German defeated six-time champion Roger Federer in last year's semifinals and then five-time winner Novak Djokovic in the final.

"It's definitely a place and a court that I love, and that brings maybe the best out of me," the seventh-seeded German said.

Nadal has a history of being far from his best at the ATP Finals, which comes at the end of a gruelling season that often takes its toll on the Spaniard because of his ultra-physical playing style. He has qualified for the event for 15 years in a row but has pulled out of it on six occasions because of injuries. He has never won the title, reaching the final twice.

But he showed up to London hoping to stave off Djokovic for the year-end No. 1 ranking.

Djokovic won his opening match on Sunday and this loss cuts Nadal's lead over the Serb to just 440 points in the rankings table - each round-robin win is worth 200

points—with a total of 1,300 more points up for grabs for each player.

Earlier, Tsitsipas earned his first career win over Medvedev—a victory that clearly meant a lot to the Greek not only because Tsitsipas was 0-5 against the Russian before winning 7-6 (5), 6-4, or that it came in his ATP Finals debut.

But mainly because two of the biggest rising stars in tennis simply don't like each other that much.

"It's a victory that I craved for a long time now, and it's great that it came at this moment," Tsitsipas said. "Our chemistry definitely isn't the best that you can find on the tour. It's not that I hate him (but) we will not go to dinner together."

The grudge dates to their first meeting, in Miami last year, when Medvedev berated Tsitsipas for not apologizing after hitting a net cord during a point, a spat that ended with both players trading insults on court.

"After that, I think I didn't win a single game. He did get into my head, and I was very frustrated that it did go this way," Tsitsipas said. "He started telling me that I should apologize, that what I do is unsportsmanlike."

Kawhi faces old team, lifts Clippers past Raptors

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kawhi Leonard wasn't at his best against his former team. His new teammates knocked down big shots and won anyway.

Leonard struggled on 2-for-11 shooting and had nine turnovers, but Lou Williams led a big effort from the bench with 21 points and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the defending NBA champion Toronto Raptors 98-88 on Monday night.

Leonard finished with 12 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists to go with those nine turnovers, prompting Clippers coach Doc Rivers to joke about "almost a quadruple-double."

Throughout the game, Leonard faced plenty of double coverage.

"As soon as I walked across half-court they tried to get the ball out of my hands," he said. "They did a great job on me defending and sending an extra body. It got me better and it's going to get my teammates better."

Last season, Leonard led the Raptors to their first championship, averaging 30.5 points and 9.1 rebounds in 24 post-season games to earn his second Finals MVP award.

"I had a great time there. It's the next chapter now. I can't live in the past," he said. "I'm with a different team and they want to have that same feeling."

The Clippers shot just 37% but dominated the boards 66-38, led by 12 each from Patrick Beverley and JaMychal Green.

Los Angeles' bench outscored Toronto's reserves 56-35, with Montrezl Harrell adding 14 points and 11 rebounds and Green posting 10 points



and 12 rebounds.

Leonard's first five points all came on free throws, including two technicals. He missed his first six field goal attempts and finally scored on a coast-to-coast layup midway through the third quarter to put the Clippers up 62-55.

From there, the Raptors outscored Los Angeles 23-11 the rest of the period. Pascal Siakam had seven points and Fred VanVleet added five in the spurt as neither team led by more than two until Matt Thomas' 3-pointer and basket sent the Raptors into the fourth leading 78-73.

"It's just fun, just be able to compete against guys who you were with last year,"

Leonard said. "It's a little bit more competitive because you do talk to them."

Not much, though. "Maybe whispered a little bit to him here or there about missing a free throw," Fred VanVleet said, "but it didn't work."

Siakam had 16 points and 10 rebounds, Norman Powell added 15 points and VanVleet had 14 points for the injury-depleted Raptors, who had their three-game winning streak snapped in the second game of a back-to-back after beating the Lakers on Sunday.

"That's a hell of a team to play on a back-to-back short-handed," VanVleet said. "Just kind of ran ourselves into the mud and give those guys cred-

it, they closed it out."

VanVleet was 1 for 7 in the fourth after notching three double-doubles in his previous five games.

Toronto was 4 of 24 from the floor in a fourth quarter that featured a series of mad dashes and bodies piled in the paint on both ends.

The Raptors tied the game for the last time at 82 on Chris Boucher's 3-pointer. They managed just three field goals the rest of the way.

"Our guys played their guts out. We totally outplayed them," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. "We were playing harder, executing better, creating a lot of problems for them but just not quite enough."

Celtics 116, Mavericks 106

In Boston, Kemba Walker made a trio of key 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and finished with 29 points, Jaylen Brown added 25 points and 11 rebounds, and the Celtics beat the Dallas Mavericks for the host's first game since Gordon Hayward had surgery on his broken left hand.

Marcus Smart scored 17 points, Daniel Theis chipped in with 11 and Brad Wanamaker had 10 for Boston, which won its eighth straight game since a season-opening loss at Philadelphia.

Jayson Tatum shot 1 for 18 from the field and scored only five points for the Celtics.

Luka Doncic led the Mavericks (6-4) with 34 points, nine assists and six rebounds. Kristaps Porzingis scored just four points on 1-of-11 shooting.

The Celtics released a statement during the opening quarter that said Hayward had surgery Monday to repair a fracture in his non-shooting hand.

Jazz 122, Warriors 108

In San Francisco, Rudy Gobert had 25 points and 14 rebounds as Utah topped Golden State.

Donovan Mitchell added 23 points and Mike Conley scored 22 for the Jazz, who improved to 7-3.

The injury-ravaged Warriors fell to an NBA-worst 2-9 and their frustrations boiled over in the fourth quarter. Draymond Green, back after missing five games with a torn finger ligament, earned back-to-back technicals and an ejection for arguing a blocking call with 8:28 left.

Less than a minute later, coach Steve Kerr was given a

Los Angeles Clippers forward Kawhi Leonard shoots between Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam, left, and Toronto Raptors center Marc Gasol during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Monday, Nov. 11, 2019.

technical after arguing a call. D'Angelo Russell scored 33 points for Golden State, his fourth consecutive game of 30 or more.

Rockets 122, Pelicans 116

In New Orleans, James Harden scored 39 points, including 13 straight in the fourth quarter, and Houston beat the short-handed Hornets.

Russell Westbrook had 26 points and Clint Capela added 11 points and 20 rebounds to help the Rockets to their fourth straight win.

JJ Redick had 24 points, Josh Hart scored 19, and Jrue Holiday added 18 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for the Pelicans, who played without leading scorer Brandon Ingram due to a sore right knee.

Grizzlies 113, Spurs 109

In San Antonio, Jaren Jackson Jr. had 24 points and Memphis put a damper on Tony Parker's jersey retirement by beating the Spurs.

Parker's uniform No. 9 was lifted to the rafters alongside fellow Big Three members Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili following the game. They led San Antonio to four of its five championships and have the most wins (541) of any trio in NBA history.

Jackson was involved in two pivotal plays with the Grizzlies up 111-109 in the final minute. His 3-pointer with 25.5 seconds left was overturned when replays determined he was out of bounds. Jackson then blocked DeMar DeRozan's ensuing drive to maintain Memphis' two-point advantage.

Timberwolves 120, Pistons 114

In Detroit, Andrew Wiggins scored 33 points and Minnesota spoiled Blake Griffin's return from injury, beating the Pistons.

Griffin played for the first time this season, coming back from hamstring and knee issues. Derrick Rose also returned to the Pistons lineup from a strained hamstring, but both he and Griffin played limited minutes.

Griffin scored 19 points and Rose had just six.

Karl-Anthony Towns scored 25 for the Timberwolves.

Island Star still unbeaten; Matansa splits games

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The Island Star is still unscathed in the 2019 Spring Men's M-League following a 4-2 triumph in its Division B match against Matansa last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koberville.

Fang Yu scored two goals to keep Matansa's undefeated record in five games, while Xiong Zhe Li and Ri Cheng Xian added one apiece. Fang made his pair in the first half, as he hit the board in the third and 30th minute for Matansa's 2-1 halftime edge.

Gabriel Arkoh Jr. tallied the lone goal (37th minute) for Matansa to keep his team afloat. Lar Wongpaya delivered the other goal for Matansa in the 46th minute,

four minutes after Li's conversion handed Island Star a 3-1 advantage.

After Matansa moved within one, Island Star clung to the shaky lead for a while before getting the insurance from Xian in the 69th minute for the leading team's fifth win in as many games.

Before bowing to Island Star, Matansa gained its second victory following a 4-2

triumph over Shirley's FC last Thursday.

Davis Mafnas led Matansa's win over Shirley's after scoring in the 23rd and 60th minute. Matansa's two other goals came from Arkoh Jr. and Yoshi Mafnas, who found the back of the net in the 43rd and 74th minute, respectively.

Brandon Tenorio and Jack Phan registered the two goals

for Shirley's with the former drawing first blood for the losing squad in the 18th minute and the latter hitting his target in the 50th.

Shirley's quickly recovered from the defeat to Matansa after dominating the CNMI Women's National Team, 5-1, in the other Division B match last Sunday.

Dhiraj Chhetri and Irish Pagarao posted two goals apiece for Shirley's, while Wesley Bogdan contributed one. The WNT's lone goal came from Jerlyn Castillo.

Meanwhile, Division A teams took a break last week and competition in the group will resume tomorrow with TanHoldings battling Korean Football Association on Saipan at 6:30pm.

TanHoldings is in third place in the team standings of the five-squad field behind Paire and All Blue.

M-League Standings

(As of Nov. 11, 2019)

DIVISION A TEAMS	W	D	L	PTS	GA	GA	GD
All Blue	3	1	0	10	13	3	10
Paire	3	1	2	10	19	12	7
TanHoldings	3	0	2	9	14	14	0
KFAS	1	0	3	3	5	13	-8
Old B Bank	1	0	4	3	4	13	-9
DIVISION B							
Island Star	5	0	0	15	20	8	12
Kanoa	4	0	1	12	25	15	10
Shirley's	3	0	4	9	24	22	2
Matansa	2	0	3	6	12	17	-5
WNT	0	0	6	0	10	32	-22

Agape tops NMC-hosted volleyball tourney

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Agape Volleyball Club ruled the Northern Marianas College Volleyball Club's Thanks For Volleyball Tournament held last Monday at the Chamolinian Utt in Garapan.

Agape earned three wins in the 10-team single elimination competition to win the championship.

In its finals match against Young and Fresh, Agape prevailed by 8 points, 25-17. Earlier in the semis, Agape cruised past Ice Pack, 25-13, to set a title duel with Young and Fresh. Agape also defeated Ace, 25-13, in its first match.

Young and Fresh, on the other hand, marched into the finale after topping Ballania Hao in the quarterfinals, 15-5, and downing Ignite in the semis, 25-23.

In other results, Ignite

battled Freeball in the quarterfinals and won, 25-22, to make it into the semis, while Ice Pack defeated Gobble Gobble, 25-20, to earn a Final Four seat.

Ballania Hao before bowing out of competition, topped NMC, 25-12, while Ace triumphed over Ms. Bree, 25-21.

Meanwhile, NMC Volleyball Club treasurer Wehilani Atalig said that the event turned out better than they expected despite this being their first time to host a competition.

"The event was actually really good. We had a few mishaps in the beginning, but it all worked out in the end. When I was going around, people said they actually enjoyed it more than they thought they would," she said.

Atalig added that more than the competition, the event aimed to bring members of the community together and also raise funds for the newly es-



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Agape players pose for a photo after receiving their prizes for topping the Northern Marianas College Volleyball Club's Thanks For Volleyball Tournament held last Monday at the Chamolinian Utt in Garapan.

this is the first time that NMC had a volleyball club," she said.

The club officials said that since NMC just formed its first-ever volleyball group, funds raised will be used to host future events.

"More tournaments, some specifically for NMC's students and staff, and maybe also open to the public but we're not too sure right now since we're ending the semester," Atalig said.

established club.

"It wasn't specifically for anything, we just kind of wanted to bring together the community for our first volleyball tournament because

TDI noses out RNV in OT, nears finals

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Top Development Inc. inched closer to the finals after topping RNV Best Deal, 124-122, in overtime of Game 1 of their semis series in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Sean Rabasto carried TDI in the extra period after scoring 21 of the team's 25 points, including the last 4 markers that sealed it for the winning squad. Jerome Reyes and Nestor Arreza added 2 points each in the extension.

It was a sorry loss for RNV/Best Deal, which was in the lead at the end of each of the first three quarters of the semis opener before TDI forced the deadlock in



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Top Development, Inc.'s Sean Rabasto, second left, unloads a long jumper in front of RNV/Best Deal's John Padolina, third left, and Ronald Rueda, while his teammate Lorenzo Sefich, right, looks on during the first quarter of Game 1 of their semis series in the JP World caging last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

the fourth.

RNV/Best Deal was on top by 7 points in the first quarter, 27-20, behind the 8 points of John Padolina, and the team kept the upper hand at the break, 55-50, as Ronald Rueda stepped up and scored 11. Then in the third canto, it was

Ivan Agustin's turn to show up for RNV/Best Deal, as he made 10 markers for their 79-75 cushion.

However, in the fourth quarter, TDI rallied behind the early successive baskets of Darwin Barbo, while Rabasto and Reyes hit their

shots in the homestretch to send the game in overtime.

Rabasto kept going in the extension period, as he torched RNV/Best Deal with his 20-plus points to finish with a season-high 42. Barbo added 30, while Raymond Velasco made 27. Rueda led RNV/Best Deal with his 28 markers.

RNV/Best Deal and TDI will meet anew this Saturday for Game 2 of the semis series with the winner of their duel battling the victor of the Joteten 1-Triple J showdown in the finals, starting next week.

TDI 124—Rabasto 42, Barbo 30, Velasco 27, Reyes 16, Arreza 6.

RNV/Best Deal 122—Rueda 28, Agustin 26, Mortos 22, Jumaquio 14, Odicta 13, Padolina 12, Baul 7.

Scoring by quarters: 20-27, 50-55, 75-79, 99-99, 124-122 (OT).

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victory to show this season, as it was defeated by Kanoa, 5-3, in the other game last Saturday.

Rigel Devey lifted Kanoa to win No. 6 after delivering three goals, while Paul Lizama recorded two. William Sosa also had a pair for MP United, which got its other goal from Ian Song.

Interesting title race in girls U16

While the co-ed U12 division champion has been decided, the battle for the girls U16 title is too close to call.

TanHoldings and Kanoa are tied for first place with similar 7-1-1 win-draw-loss record, while just lurking behind at second place is Southern United (6-2-1).

TanHoldings forced a tie for the No. 1 spot in the division after getting a free win from Matansa (via default) last Saturday, while Southern United stayed in the hunt for the season championship following a 6-1 upset over Kanoa.

Erink Frink bagged four goals to power Southern United to the important victory,

while Keisha Deleon Guerrero and Megan Elaysa registered one apiece. Paulyn Joyce logged the lone goal for Kanoa.

With Kanoa, TanHoldings, and Southern United in a tight race for the division crown, the winner maybe decided in the final week of the group's competition this Saturday.

TanHoldings will challenge Kanoa in the 7pm game and a victory by either team will determine the season's champion. A draw coupled with Southern United's victory over MP United in the 5:30pm tiff will result to a three-way tie for first place with the former, Kanoa, and TanHoldings ending up with identical 7-2-1 cards.

Meanwhile, MP United edged Shirley's, 6-5, in last Saturday's game.

Audrey Castro recorded the go-ahead goal in the 54th minute for her hat trick. Her two other goals came in the 42nd and 55th, while Maury Zon Tybaco also had three goals. Katrina Costales duplicated Castro and Tybaco's feat on a losing effort for Shirley's, while Lilian Podziewski and Wallis Bai logged one goal apiece.

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in the boys U14 singles.

Over at Kanoa Resort Court 2, Serin Chung will meet Sei Yui Hong in the girls U14 singles, while on Court 1, the former's sister, Irin, will square off against Anna Kwon in the girls U12 singles.

SAIPAN

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quarter to hand their team a 30-16 lead. Five other Saipan Vegas players scored in the opening frame.

Saipan Vegas kept the advantage in the ensuing quarters with Santos still on target, while Ken Viray and Josh Andrew tried to help Caravan's stay in the game. By the end of the third canto, Saipan Vegas was on top by 9, 69-60, thanks to Santos' 10 points in the penultimate frame. Viray and Andrew combined for 13 in the third period to keep Caravan's finals hopes alive.

Then in the fourth, Andrew teamed up with Alex Standish

Other 5pm matches are Sean Lee versus Malika Miyawaki in the boys U18 singles game at the Pacific Islands Club; Hoo Wang against Hannah Chae in the girls U12 singles at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Court 2; and Ocean Kang opposite Wataru Kadokura in the boys U12 singles at Hyatt's Court 1.

Eight more games will be

played this Friday with Yutaka Kadokura taking on Takeru Jim in the boys U12 singles and Jae Hoon Son facing Eugene Park and Cory Lee challenging Gang Min Kim in the boys U16 singles.

In the girls U14 singles, Savita Sikkil will meet Helen Kim, while No. 2 seed Jimin Woo will battle Ken Song in

the boys U18 singles. In the U10 age group, Jihun Park will slug it out against Ki Won Lee in the boys contest, while Anne Lee will collide with Jeong Bin Park in the girls side.

Games in the junior singles and doubles will continue this Saturday and Sunday, while the adults competition will be held next weekend.

in Caravan's last bid to mount a comeback and win Game 2 to force a rubber. The two big men totaled for all, but 2 of Caravan's 26 points in the final canto, however, their team still fell short.

Saipan Vegas kept the lead and the win behind Preston Basa's 3-pointer and one basket apiece from Zach Diaz, Jeff Deleon Guerrero, Aifer-son Atan, and Santos.

Santos led all scorers with his 33 points, while Andrew paced Caravan's with his 21 markers.

In other results, IT&E survived a seesaw battle with MS Villagomez, as it went all out in the fourth frame to finish the series.

Down by 3 going into the final canto, 57-60, IT&E drew 8

points from Gerald Flores and 6 from Jaymark De Guzman to complete the sweep and take the first finals seat. Jack Aranda also stepped up in the fourth period after going scoreless in the first and third with his 5 markers in the pivotal quarter.

MS Villagomez collapsed in the fourth period with only Mel Manibusan making a field goal for the squad after hitting a triple. Matthew Richardson, who finished the third canto with 11 points, was held to four free throws, while Shane Deleon Guerrero's 3 markers were also all made from the foul line.

First Game

IT&E 80—De Guzman 26, Flores 16, Aranda 12, Demapan

8, Guiab 6, Esdrelon 6, Peredo 4, Barbo 4, Devero 3, De Dios 3, Talania 2, Rabasto 2.

MS Villagomez 70—Richardson 15, Deleon Guerrero 12, King 11, Lajara 8, Dela Cruz 7, Manibusan 7, Aughenbaugh 5.

Scoring by quarters: 14-18, 35-34, 57-60, 80-70.

Second Game

Saipan Vegas 80—Santos 33, Atan 9, Schmidt 8, P. Basa 6, Kabriel 5, Bondoc 5, Diaz 4, Deleon Guerrero 4, Lizama 4, Sablan 2.

Caravan's 76—Andrew 21, Viray 19, Standish 16, Rasa 8, Factor 6, Young 4, Tenorio 2.

Scoring by quarters: 30-16, 47-38, 69-60, 80-76.

2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League

TEAM STANDINGS (As of Nov. 11, 2019)

CO-ED U12 DIVISION

CLUB	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
TanHoldings	8	0	0	50	15	35	24
Kanoa	6	0	2	31	19	12	18
MP United	1	1	6	30	28	2	4
Shirley's	0	1	7	15	64	-49	1

GIRLS U16

CLUB	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
TanHoldings	7	1	1	54	9	45	22
Kanoa	7	1	1	47	23	24	22
Southern United	6	2	1	49	12	37	20
MP United	3	0	6	32	55	-23	9
Shirley's	2	0	7	37	59	-22	6
Matansa	0	0	9	13	64	-51	0



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TanHoldings bags co-ed U12 championship

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TanHoldings Football Club secured the co-ed U12 division crown in the 2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League after crushing Shirley's Football Club, 7-1, in the

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A TanHoldings Football Club player, second left, kicks the ball, while a Shirley's FC defender steps in to deflect it during their second round meeting in the co-ed U12 division of the 2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

penultimate week of the group's competition last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Kaithlyn Chavez had a hat trick, Jerald Dalawampu chipped in two goals, and Mark Ryan Costales and Monico Claridades added one apiece for TanHoldings, which notched its eighth win in as many games to rule this season's contest with one match to spare.

TanHoldings will go for a perfect record this Saturday when it takes on the



second running Kanoa a make-up game at 4pm. Kanoa, which topped the Fall season, settled for the runner-up honors this time, as it is behind by two victories against the unbeaten TanHoldings.

Shirley's, on the other hand, has yet to make it to the win column and will try to break the spell one last time when it faces MP United this weekend.

MP United has only one

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Saipan Vegas vs IT&E in finals



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Saipan Vegas and IT&E swept their respective semis opponents to arrange their title showdown in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League.

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Saipan Vegas' Franco Bon-doc, center, muscles his way through the defense of Caravan's Josh Andrew, left, and Alex Standish during Game 2 of their semis series in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League last Sunday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

IT&E took the first finals seat after beating MS Villagomez, 80-70, in Game 2 of their short best-of-three semis series last Sunday night at the Gilbert

C. Ada Gymnasium.

Saipan Vegas wrapped up its playoff series with Caravan's, too and joined IT&E to the finals after recording an 80-76 triumph in Game 2 later that night.

Game 1 of the championship series, which is also a best-of-three affair, will be

played this Friday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. Game 2 is set for Sunday, also at MHS, while Game 3, if necessary will take place on Nov. 19.

Saipan Vegas made sure Game 3 won't be needed in their semis duel against



Caravan's, as the pennant champion led from start to finish and withstood the latter's late comeback.

Coby Santos sparked Saipan Vegas' strong start, as he fired 14 points in the first

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TanHoldings Tennis Classic kicks off Friday

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The Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association will start the 2019-2020 season with the staging of the 10th TanHoldings Tennis Classic, beginning this Friday at the various courts on Saipan.

Fifteen matches will be played in the opening day of the competition that was supposed to have its 10th edition last year, but the event had to be shelved due to Super Typhoon Yutu. The TanHoldings Tennis Classic will return to action this year with games in the juniors singles and doubles events highlighting the opening week of the two-weekend tournament.

For the 5pm games, Hyun Min Cho will face Sam Cup in the boys U16 singles game at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts, while also set at Fiesta at the same time was the duel between Sunny Kang and Ki Suk Lee

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Malika Miyawaki, seen here in action during the 2017 edition of the TanHoldings Tennis Classic, will play in the opening day of the 2019 competition this Friday.